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THE AMERICAS*^{Int.}

PROGRAM

Library of Congress, Washington, D.C.

May 12 to June 7, 1947

Theme: THE LIBRARY IN THE AMERICAS - A
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CALENDAR OF EVENTS OF THE
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	Morning	Afternoon	Evening
Sunday, May 11		4 p.m. Book Exhibit- PAN AMERICAN UNION	
	10:00 a.m.	2:30 p.m.	8:30 p.m.
Monday, May 12	Registration	Registration	Inaugural Session
Tuesday, May 13	Organizational Session	The Modern Library 3:00 p.m.	
Wednesday, May 14	Problems of Latin American Librarians	3:30 p.m. Profes- sional Forum (Meeting of dele- gates at 3:00 p.m.)	
Thursday, May 15	Libraries and Library Services	Trip through Library of Congress	Budapest String Octet -Concert-
Friday, May 16	Senate hearing on Federal Aid for Libraries bill	Libraries for Children and Young People	
Saturday, May 17			6:30 p.m. Dinner in Rare Book Room

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ASSEMBLY OF LIBRARIANS OF THE AMERICAS

May 12 - June 7, 1947

THE AGENDA

Objectives:

The objectives of the Assembly of Librarians of the Americas are to foster library development in the Americas and to stimulate library relations among the countries of the Americas, within the framework of the world library development, and in the interest of world-wide Hispanic studies.

Foreword:

The Assembly of Librarians of the Americas has been planned as a combination conference and work-shop. Morning sessions are devoted to panel or round table discussions on modern library activities and trends on the national and international level. The afternoon committee meetings constitute a "work-shop" planned to provide an opportunity for the resolution of specific problems which can be submitted to the Assembly for its pleasure.

Papers prepared in advance by the constituency of the Assembly form an integral part of the official documentation of the Assembly as essential background material.

It is submitted that the theme of the conference is:

THE LIBRARY IN THE AMERICAS

A BLUEPRINT FOR TOMORROW

At the outset it is necessary for the Assembly to have a clear picture of what purpose a library serves in the modern world and what its place is in the community, the nation and in the world. That understanding is essential in order that the librarians from North America and Latin America may meet on common ground. Therefore, in the first week the theme of the discussion should be:

I - THE MODERN LIBRARY - A SOCIAL INSTITUTION

After the purposes and functions of libraries have been determined, the next step is to investigate the practical means of fulfilling these purposes and functions. There are many problems of an internal nature involved in assuring an adequate library collection and in utilizing the resources available outside the library itself. The second week, therefore, is devoted to:

II - RESOURCES OF THE MODERN LIBRARY

The problems involved in servicing the library's collection and in the general administration of the library occupies the third week:

III - TECHNICAL DEVELOPMENTS IN THE MODERN LIBRARY

These aforementioned topics concern chiefly the internal

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folk-lore recordings; and d) Maps, in relation to a guide to the mapping services in the Western Hemisphere; 3) Problems of copyright, postage, information and transportation, and consideration of the possibility of lowering airmail rates on published materials.

Committee IV. BIBLIOGRAPHY. To study the possibilities of: 1) Compiling a bibliography of current Latin American bibliographies of national character; 2) establishing standards for compiling national bibliographies; 3) preparing a pamphlet on the principal bibliographies published throughout the world with information concerning purchase; 4) compiling a trade bibliography for Latin America; 5) compiling standard buying guides; 6) compiling lists of translations or suggestions for translations; 7) in the field of library literature, a) the publication of library journals in Spanish, Portuguese and French, b) a complete bibliography of library literature published in Spanish, Portuguese and French, and c) a selective bibliography in all languages on library science.

Committee V. LIBRARY SERVICES AND DEVELOPMENT. To survey the problems of: 1) Library legislation and finances; 2) in the field of Public relations, to explore the field with brief suggestions for a pamphlet in Spanish, Portuguese and French on the subject; 3) in Adult Education, a) to consider the library's role in literacy campaigns, b) cooperation with adult educational programs and organizations, c) workers' libraries, factory libraries, rural libraries, and libraries in industrial centers, d) occupational rehabilitation and advancement, e) and the cooperation of the library in public health programs; 4) in Library extension, and media of extension work such as lectures, films, forums, concerts, exhibitions, package libraries, photoduplications; 5) in Rural library development, to consider a) regional library planning in Latin America in order to arrive at some standards, to investigate how rural libraries can be supported, and to study the legislation involved, and b) types of rural library extension such as deposits in rural schools or drug stores, bookmobiles, and package libraries; 6) in Standard rules for service, to prepare samples of brief rules governing use of library, and to consider the compilation of staff manuals for staff orientation.

The coordinating committees are the following:

Committee VI. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE. To direct the deliberations of the Assembly.

Committee VII. INTER-AMERICAN LIBRARY RELATIONS. The function of this committee is three-fold: 1) to receive and coordinate the suggestions and proposals of an inter-American nature submitted by the other committees; 2) to select the resolutions based on those proposals to present to the Assembly at large; 3) to set up the mechanism by which the Assembly can work in library bibliographical matters or with existing inter-American or national organizations such as the American Library Association and the Pan American

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COMMITTEES AND MODERATORS

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A. Agenda Committee:

Ernesto G. Gietz, Secretario

Jorge Basadre, Director, Biblioteca Nacional, Lima, Peru.

Galileo Patiño, Director, Biblioteca Nacional, Panama.

Juan A. Silva Vila, Director, Biblioteca Nacional, Montevideo.

Rubens Borba de Moraes, Director, Biblioteca Nacional,
Rio de Janeiro, Brazil.

Janeiro Brooks, Bibliotecaria, Union Panamericana, Washington,
D. C.

Arthur E. Gropp, Director, Biblioteca Artigas-Washington,
Montevideo, Uruguay.

Paul Howard, Director, National Relations Office, American Li-
brary Association, Washington, D. C.

B. Committees:

Co-Chairmen

- | | | |
|--|------------------------|------------------------|
| 1) Education for Librarianship | - Arthur E. Gropp | Carlos Victor Penna |
| 2) Technical Processes | - Amelia Krieg | Jorge Aguayo |
| 3) Acquisitions | - Phillips Temple | Hector Fuenzalida |
| 4) Bibliography | - Miron Burgin | Augusto Cortazar |
| 5) Library Services and
Development | - Helen T. Steinbarger | Galileo Patiño |
| 6) Executive Committee (Agenda
Committee) - | | |
| 7) Inter-American Library
Relations | - Janeiro Brooks | Rubens Borba de Moraes |
| 8) Findings Committee | - Francisco Aguilera | |

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COMMITTEES - COMPOSITION*

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I EDUCATION FOR LIBRARIANSHIP
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Members:	Aguayo	Barreto, Emma	Mitchell, Eleanor
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	Bernardo	Beust, Nora	Ottmiller, John
	Borba de Moraes	Brown, Karl	St. John, Francis
	Cortazar	Cunningham, Eileen	
	Franco	Douglas, Mary P.	
	Fuenzalida	Fair, Ethel	
	Lentino	Hausdorfer, Walter	
	Marchena	Herdman, Margaret	
	Martinez-	Holland, Kenneth	
	Moselli	Kortendick, Rev.	
	Peraza	Litchfield, Dorothy	
	Perez Ortiz	Logsdon, Richard	

II TECHNICAL PROCESSES

Co-Chairmen:	Krieg	Clifford, Kathleen
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	Fuenzalida	France, Sara
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	Peraza	Morsch, Lucile
	Planchart	Porter, Dorothy
	Rodriguez D.	Potter, Esther
	Silva Vila	Robinson, Sarita
	Velazquez	Villa S., Clara

III ACQUISITIONS
 Co-Chairmen: Fleming
Fuenzalida

* Composition of Committees made principally from questionnaires received. Others who wish to become members of certain committees or wish to change membership should speak with Dr. Gietz.

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GENERAL SESSIONS.- MODERATORS AND PANELS

The following persons have been requested by the Interim Agenda Committee to serve as Moderators, Assistant Moderators, and members of the Panels to lead the discussions at the various general sessions and seminars.

Date	Hour	Topic	Moderator	Asst. Mod.	Panel
May 13	3:00 p.m.	Modern Library	Hanke	Torres	Howard Borba López T. Marchena Douglas Cortazar Lentino Pérez O.
14	10 a.m.	Principal Problems in Latin American Libraries	Basadre	Cardozo	Reason X. Smith Jiménez Patiño Silva Vila
15	10 a.m.	Libraries and Library Services	García	Dunbar	Beust Wiese Goetz Bates Bubb Castañeda P. Lentino
16	2:30 p.m.	Libraries for Children and Young People	López T.	Alexander	Greenaway Waters Buck Borba Lavelante Planchart
19	10 a.m.	Modern Library Collection	Marchena	Litton	Hafner Suro Buechner Cañes Bernardo Rodríguez Velázquez
20	10 a.m.	Book Collection	Cuadra C.	Clapp	Graham Spivacke Adkinson Angel Mitchell Seeger Lavelante Pardo Pérez O.
	2:30 p.m.	Non-Book Collection	Lentino	Waters	

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Tuesday

May 13

10 a.m. ORGANIZATIONAL AND PROCEDURAL SESSION

Dr. Luther H. Evans presiding as Provisional Chairman.

Dr. Ernesto G. Gietz presenting report of the Interim

Agenda Committee

Rapporteur - Kathleen Clifford

3:00 p.m. GENERAL SESSION The Modern Library - Its Philosophy
and Functions

Moderator - Lewis Hanke

Assistant Moderator - Baudilio Torres

Rapporteur - Manoel Cardozo

Panel:- Paul Howard

Rubens Borba de Moraes

Clemente López Trujillo

Julían Marchena

1. Horas de salida y regreso.

El tren Baltimore & Ohio saldrá de Washington a las 9 a.m. y llegará a Baltimore (Camden Station) a las 9:50 a.m. Daylight Saving Time. (Hora que se usa en Washington durante el verano)

El tren saldrá de Baltimore a la 1:47 p.m. (Daylight Saving time)

2. Hora y lugar de reunión antes de la salida.

Union Station, Travellers' Aid Desk. 8:30 a.m. Allí les harán encuentro Mrs. Edith Wise y Miss Helen Stephens, ambas de la Division de Hispanic Gift and Exchange, de la Biblioteca del Congreso, y el Sr. Francis Thorne de la Interstate Commerce Commission Library.

3. Boletos.

El Departamento de Estado ha preparado un vale para el viaje.

El pasajero tendrá que firmar su vale en la Secretaría de la Asamblea. La Secretaría se encargará de comprar los boletos y de repartirlos el viernes próximo. Cada persona será responsable de llegar a la Union Station a las 8:30, con su boleto.

4. En Baltimore. De la Camden Station, los delegados tomarán el tranvía que los conducirá a la Enoch Pratt Free Library, donde les dará la bienvenida el Director, Sr. Emerson Greenaway, y el Sr. Richard Hart.

5. El grupo regresará de Baltimore a la 1:47 p.m. y deberán estar en la Estación Camden antes de la 1:30 p.m.

6. El té de la Srita. Brooks, en honor de los delegados, se verificará esa misma tarde, de las 4 a las 6 p.m.

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VIAJE A NUEVA YORK

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INSTRUCCIONES

Boletos:

Los delegados deberán firmar un vale amparando su boleto a New York. Esta Secretaría comprará los boletos y los entregará a los delegados. Favor de tomar nota que los delegados no becados por el Departamento de Estado deberán entregar a Miss Daniels el valor de su boleto para que ella pueda conseguirlo.

Hotel:

Las reservaciones para el alojamiento en Nueva York fueron hechas por esta Secretaría hace algunas semanas, en los hoteles siguientes:

Henry Hudson Hotel
7th Avenue and 55th Street
New York, N.Y.

Wellington Hotel
7th Avenue and 55th Street
New York, N.Y.

Great Northern Hotel
118th West 57th Street
New York, N.Y.

En caso de que alguien no quiera hacer uso de las reservaciones que nosotros hicimos en alguno de los hoteles arriba mencionados, favor de avisar inmediatamente a Miss Daniels. En tal caso, la responsabilidad de conseguir alojamiento en New York correrá por su cuenta.

Los delegados deberán pagar de su per diem de \$10.00, la cuenta del hotel y demás gastos, con excepción del boleto del tren.

Comprobante:

Al regreso de New York, los delegados becados deberán firmar los comprobantes amparando el viaje y que se encuentran en el escritorio de Miss Daniels.

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Entre los documentos que han sido distribuidos en esta Secretaría de la Asamblea, los delegados deberán haber recibido las siguientes hojas:

- I - Tours through the United States. (Lista de las personas encargadas de los preparativos para nuestras visitas a las diferentes ciudades en los Estados Unidos).
- II - Tour I and Tour II (Ruta I y Ruta II)

La correspondencia para los delegados durante la gira podrá ser dirigida de la manera siguiente:

- 1) Antes del miércoles, 11 de Junio, a

Nombre del delegado
c/o Mr. Kenneth Shaffer
Librarian, Simmons College
Boston, Mass.

- 2) Antes del 17 de Junio, a

Nombre del delegado
c/o Mr. Carl A. Milam
American Library Association
50 East Huron Street
Chicago, Ill.

- 3) Antes del 23 de Junio, a (Route I)

Nombre del delegado
c/o Mrs. Ethel M. Holmes
Librarian, Public Library
Salt Lake City, Utah

o á

(Route 2)

Nombre del delegado
c/o Miss Althea Warren
Librarian, Public Library
Los Angeles, California.

- 4) Antes del 4 de Julio, a

Nombre del delegado
c/o Marietta Daniels
American Library Association
Civic Auditorium
San Francisco, California

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RECOMMENDATIONS PROPOSED BY COMMITTEES TO THE
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COMMITTEE ON BIBLIOGRAPHY

Resolution 1. Bibliografías nacionales.

La Asamblea de Bibliotecarios de América, teniendo en cuenta que las reiteradas recomendaciones de organismos internacionales respecto de la necesidad de que se publique en cada país la bibliografía nacional, no ha tenido realización práctica sino en contados casos, resuelve:

Recomendar que sean las Bibliotecas nacionales o las instituciones bibliotecológicas las encargadas de llevar a cabo la compilación y publicación de la bibliografía nacional respectiva, en aquellos países donde no se realiza ya, gracias a esfuerzos oficiales o privados.

A fin de que tales bibliografías sirvan, no sólo como registro informativo, sino también como guías utilizables para adquisiciones, se recomienda que sean publicadas lo más inmediatamente que sea posible, con respecto a la fecha de edición de las obras incluidas.

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Resolution 2. Bibliografías de bibliografías nacionales.

La Asamblea de Bibliotecarios de América resuelve:

Recomendar la urgente compilación de bibliografías de bibliografías nacionales como punto de partida para

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COMITE DE EDUCACION PROFESIONAL

La Asamblea de Bibliotecarios de América recomienda:

1. La urgente necesidad de dar una jerarquía profesional a las actividades relacionadas con la organización y administración de las bibliotecas.
2. Procurar dentro de un plazo breve la organización del patrimonio bibliográfico de cada país de acuerdo con un criterio bibliotecológico moderno, basando tal esfuerzo en la uniformidad y seriedad de las prácticas y técnicas correspondientes.
3. Fundar y mantener escuelas de Bibliotecología, cuyos programas y requisitos mínimos quedan especificados más adelante, para dar adecuado cumplimiento a lo expresado en los puntos 1 y 2.
4. Organizar el funcionamiento de estas escuelas, de modo que los estudios se realicen teórica y prácticamente de acuerdo con métodos y técnicas de uso internacional aunque adaptándolos a las características particulares de cada país o lugar, y conformándolos dentro de una doctrina integral acerca de la misión y significado de las bibliotecas dentro de la sociedad contemporánea.
5. Exigir los siguientes requisitos para el ingreso, a fin de establecer un nivel mínimo de enseñanza profesional por parte de las escuelas de bibliotecarios:
 - a- Que se considere como edad mínima los 18 años y como máxima los 40; que los candidatos hayan terminado los mismos estudios que se exigen para el ingreso a la universidad de cada país o posean el título de maestros normalistas;

que los aspirantes puedan leer inglés, teniendo en cuenta que la mayor parte del material de estudio está escrito en ese idioma y al mismo tiempo, la falta de textos en castellano y portugués para muchas de las materias que se cursan;

que se exija asimismo el conocimiento de otro idioma moderno, el cual será determinado por cada una de las escuelas;

que los estudiantes acrediten poseer conocimientos y práctica de mecanografía.

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COMMITTEE ON LIBRARY SERVICES AND DEVELOPMENT

The Assembly of Librarians of the Americas recommends:

(1)

That every Latin American country establish a library association.

(2)

That in every country legislation be enacted for the purpose of organizing adequate library service.

(3)

That established libraries in Latin America such as national libraries, encourage and assist institutes and societies to organize libraries or collections in their special fields to be made available to the general public.

(4)

That special emphasis should be given to the establishment of libraries for children.

(5)

That libraries consider a coordinated acquisitions plan whereby the collections of many libraries could be available to all by extensive inter-library loan.

(6)

That microfilm and photostatic reproductions of rare materials, articles in periodicals, etc., be made available in cases where international library loan might present difficulties.

(7)

That libraries make an effort to arrange for the micro-filming of collections of rare and documentary materials such as microfilm productions to be placed in well constructed libraries in various countries. This is recommended as a method of preserving rare materials against the ravages of fire and earthquake.

(8)

That there be prepared and published for international use a brief and simple statement of larger, basic principles of those public relations common to all phases of library services and extension the world over.

(9)

That there be celebrated throughout the Americas a national book week in which the radio, press, cinema, local clubs, and individuals could participate, and that a list of suggestions be made to serve as a guide in planning such events.

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RECOMMENDATIONS PROPOSED BY THE COMMITTEES TO THE
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Resolution 1)

That there be compiled a Guide to Inter-American Sources of Non-book Materials, suggested specifications for which will be duly published in the proceedings of the Assembly.

Resolution 2)

That legislation, conventions, and treaties affecting copyright and other materials in libraries be clarified and broadened with respect to the rights of libraries and institutions to make use of and reproduce such materials for scholarly and other non-commercial purposes.

Resolution 3)

That a duly appointed representative of each country participating in this Assembly request the cooperation of a map specialist in his area who will provide information about official agencies which prepare and publish maps in that area; that a list of dealers handling non-official maps be compiled with the assistance of a Sub-committee to Compile a Selected List of Dealers in the Inter-American Book, Periodical and Map Trade; that the names of cooperating officials in each country be forwarded to Dr. Burton W. Adkinson, Maps Division, Library of Congress, Washington 25, D.C. in order that he may provide each cooperating official with a form indicating the exact information to be compiled and distributed.

Resolution 4)

That there be established a Sub-committee to Compile a Selected List of Dealers in the Inter-American Book, Periodical and Map Trade for the purpose of compiling, distributing and collating upon their return, questionnaires whose data will be published for the mutual benefit of libraries in the Americas.

Resolution 5)

That the Assembly urge the United States Department of State, the Office of the Superintendent of Documents, and the United States Government Printing Office to carry forward to completion the tentative proposal that priced United States Government publications be placed on sale in other countries through the agency of the Embassies and Consulates therein located; and that the possibility of a similar arrangement for the distribution of documents from the Governments of Latin American countries be explored.

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RECOMMENDATIONS OF COMMITTEE ON TECHNICAL PROCESSES (Doc. #11 p.4-a)

- I. Be it resolved that the Committee express its appreciation of and admiration for the many printed and manuscript works in the field of Technical Processes which have been brought to its attention during its deliberations. A list of those especially prepared for this Assembly are appended.
- II. Whereas two Sub-committees (Subject Headings and Cataloging) have presented resolutions urging the formation of a central committee of librarians or office, for the purpose of the collaborative compilation and ultimate publication of definitive lists of subject headings, terminology, accepted abbreviations, capitalization, and filing rules, in the languages of Latin America, and, Whereas such a committee could be extremely useful in the development of other means of standardization not possible to discuss at this meeting,
- BE IT RESOLVED
- A. That such a committee be authorized by the Assembly.
- B. That its members be chosen from among the Latin American Specialists in the field of Technical Processes, representing in so far as possible all countries of that area.
- C. That this committee have an executive board of five members:
- 1) Caribbean Area: 1 member
 - 2) Central America and Mexico: 1 member
 - 3) South America: 3 members, from a) Brazil, b) Northern South America, c) Southern South America.
- D. That the Executive Board form the Committee prior to the dispersal of the Assembly.
- E. That the Executive Board establish rules for its and the Committee's procedure.
- F. That the Executive Board be authorized to accept invitations for the location of the office of the Secretariat.
- G. That the Executive Board attempt to secure funds for the support of its work.
- H. That the Executive Board proceed to set a time table of priority for the study of these subjects.
- I. That the overall plan of the Committee's work when ready be presented to some foundation for grants-in-aid or subsidy.
- III. Whereas the Subcommittee on Cataloging has recommended the creation of a Joint Committee of Librarians of the Americas for further study leading to the solution of problems, which it is believed prevent the American Library Association rules from serving Latin American needs to the maximum international benefit,

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Resolutions Adopted By The Assembly Of Librarians Of The Americas

(The resolutions, which were adopted by the Assembly in plenary session June 5 and 6, are grouped according to the Committees which submitted the recommendations.)

I. Committee On Education For Librarianship

Resolution 1. Professional training. The Assembly of Librarians of the Americas calls attention to the urgent necessity of establishing a scale of professional accomplishment with respect to activities relating to the organization and administration of libraries.

Resolution 2. National Bibliographies. The Assembly of Librarians of the Americas recommends that steps be taken to organize as soon as possible the bibliographical patrimony of each country in accordance with the latest requirements of library science and utilizing the appropriate practices and techniques.

Resolution 3. Library science schools. The Assembly of Librarians of the Americas recommends that in order to insure adequately the realization of objectives stated in resolutions 1 and 2 there be established library science schools for which minimum requirements and programs are defined in separate resolutions.

Resolution 4. Purpose and functions of library schools. The Assembly of Librarians of the Americas recommends that library schools be organized in such a way as to provide for theoretical and applied study in accordance with internationally recognized methods and techniques and in conformity with the general philosophy concerning the mission and place of the library in a modern society, even though it may be found advisable to adapt these methods to the specific requirements of each country or area.

Resolution 5. Entrance requirements. The Assembly of Librarians of the Americas recommends that in order to stabilize a minimum standard of professional training in library science schools, the following entrance requirements be established:

- a. Age: minimum - 18 years; maximum - 40 years.

Candidates must have completed such studies as are required for entrance to universities, or must have received a teacher's degree; candidates must have a reading knowledge of English, since a large part of text material is published in English, and since also there is a severe shortage of text in Spanish and Portuguese; candidates must also show knowledge of another modern language. The language is to be determined by the school; candidates must be able to operate a typewriter.

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No. 1

Inaugural Session May 12, 8:30 p.m.-- The Assembly of Librarians of the Americas was opened formally in the Coolidge Auditorium of the Library of Congress with words of welcome by Dr. Luther Evans, Librarian of Congress. More than 30 Latin American, Canadian, Philippine delegates and 400 U. S. librarians were present and heard Dr. Evans ask that a blueprint for action be drawn up in terms of the place which libraries should hold in a world made new by a war and the peace which have followed it."

Mr. Howland Sargeant welcomed the delegates in the name of the State Department, who, through the Division of International Exchange of Persons, had made possible the visit of the Latin American Librarians to the Assembly. Mr. Sargeant said, "The State Department warmly supports these interchange meetings among the American Republics and Canada, believing that our good neighborliness becomes concrete and active through direct contact and working discussions among individuals engaged in similar fields. This is the warp and woof of cooperation among nations."

Words of welcome were also expressed by Paul North Rice on behalf of the American Library Association, by Pedro de Alba for the Pan American Union. The reply for the Latin American librarians was made by Rubens Borba de Moraes, Director of the National Library of Brazil.

General Session May 13, 10:00 a.m.--The first general session of the Assembly of Librarians of the Americas was presided over by Dr. Luther Evans. The material for discussion, the report of the Interim Agenda Committee was presented by Dr. Ernest Gietz. Sr. Francisco Aguilera acted as Assistant Moderator. Mrs. Blith Wise and Miss Kathleen Clifford assisted as translators and reporters for the meeting.

Dr. Luther Evans was unanimously elected permanent Chairman of the Assembly. The directors of national libraries, the Chief of the Division of Libraries of the Ministry of Education of Mexico, a Canadian librarian, and the delegate from Haiti were named as Vice-Chairmen by the members of the Assembly.

A discussion and explanation of the Agenda was led by Dr. Ernesto Gietz. Suggestions for changes and improvements were requested, but it was the opinion of the Assembly that the report should be adopted as presented. Dr. Lewis Hanke suggested that a day be set aside to discuss topics not covered by the

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No. 2

General Session 10:00 a.m. -- "Principal Problems Facing Latin American Librarians" was the subject assigned for discussion at this meeting. Jorge Bassadre presided as Moderator and Manoel Cardozo as Assisting Moderator.

The problems of the small library, the rural library, and the school library in the United States were presented by Mrs. Mary Douglas in order to open the subject. Among delegates who spoke briefly on the subject were: Patiño, López Trujillo, Pardo, Cortázar, Lentino, Pérez Ortiz, and Neves. These speakers discussed the following problems facing their professions: 1) Need to educate the public in the use of the library; 2) Desirability of a community survey previous to library service; 3) Professional association and coordination of professional information; 4) Training of increased personnel in fewer, but better schools; 5) Illiteracy and communication; 6) Bureaucracy and lack of government support; 7) Financing; 8) Equipment; 9) Selection of books appropriate to needs; 10) Latin American bibliographical center and clearing house of information; 11) Necessity of reference tools and books appropriate for Latin America; 12) Program of propaganda and publicity; (13) Standardization in equipment and methods.

Professional Forum 3:00 p.m. -- A discussion of the participation of the Library of Congress staff in the administration of the affairs of the library was made by Dr. Luther Evans as a preliminary to the forum. The Library of Congress has made some interesting experiments in achieving a democratic expression of the better opinion of the staff. It is Dr. Evans' opinion that the Library is stronger and better administered because of this participation. He explained that there were four groups: the Staff Advisory Committee whose members are either chosen by the Librarian or appointed by one of the Unions or personnel of the library; the Staff Discussion Group, which meets in sections and divisions and is limited to twenty-five members who meet every three months to discuss library problems.

The subject for debate by the Forum was whether or not the Staff Discussion Groups should continue to meet, or whether they should be discontinued as of no benefit to the Library. Four scheduled speakers presented their views, followed by a discussion from the floor.

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No. 3

General Session 10:00 a.m.-- The topic announced for discussion was "Libraries and Library Services." Dr. Rafael García Granados of Mexico served as Moderator; Mr. Ralph Dunbar, Chief of the Division of Library Sciences, U. S. Office of Education, as Assistant Moderator.

The meeting opened with the showing of two films: Not by books alone, prepared by the Rochester Public Library, Rochester, New York, and Books and people - the wealth within, of the State of Alabama Public Library Services Division. Mr. Dunbar explained that these films had been selected for showing to illustrate various aspects of library practice in the United States. The members of the Assembly were requested to observe the films critically and to be prepared to discuss after the showing whether certain services had been over-stressed, whether some that should have been shown were omitted, and what part of the practices illustrated might be adopted to advantage in other countries.

The first film is a colorful presentation of the diversity of activities carried on by a well-organized library in a large city. The second film offers a panoramic view of the present development, in the State of Alabama, of the public library. It was opportune that Mrs. Jessie Sanderson, Field Representative of the Public Library Services, Division for the State of Alabama, be presented to the Assembly.

The showing of the films was followed by comments from several of the delegates.

Sra. Bernadette Sinay Neves of Brazil commented that the State of Alabama film had greater appeal to her since it gives so much importance to the effectiveness of small libraries, and showed methods by which they may be brought to the people.

Mr. Xenophon Smith, Chief, Division for the Blind, Library of Congress, called attention to a library service not shown in either of the films, - namely, service to the blind. Mr. Smith outlined briefly this service as it is carried on in the United States, whereby the Library of Congress is responsible for the preparation of books in Braille and talking books and for their transmission to twenty-five libraries, located throughout the country, which may

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Senate Committee Hearing on S. 48 10:00 a.m. Delegates attended the hearing to provide Federal funds to demonstrate library service to rural areas. Some eleven speakers testified to the needs for such funds and the Alabama film, "Books and People - the Wealth Within" was shown.

Among the speakers were librarians from Michigan and Louisiana and representatives from a number of national organizations, including the Grange, the National Federation of Women's Clubs, the National Congress of Parent Teacher Associations, the Farm Bureau, and the American Library Association. The Senate Committee seems favorably impressed with the needs and value of the Demonstration funds and indicated that as far as they were concerned, the bill (S.48) is non-controversial. They likewise commended the librarians and others who testified with efficiency and speed with which they made their points. Hearings, may possibly be over for this bill and it may soon be reported out of committee for a vote.

Committee No. 5 "Library Services and Development" 9:00 a.m. Miss Quigley led the discussion on public relations. It was decided that the group should not concern itself with detailed techniques, but should create, instead, a broad concept, a philosophy of public relations. It was also the consensus of opinion that it is necessary to create public interest in order to make possible effective library service.

In line with these conclusions, the group recommended that the Assembly of Librarians of the Americas arrange for the preparation and publication for international use a brief and simple statement of large, basic principles of those public relations common to all phases of library services and extension the world over that will arouse public opinion of the forces that control public opinion, such as government, church, etc. The committee suggests that Edward L. Bernays, author of the forceful essay, "The Engineering of Consent" (Como se consigue el apoyo público) be asked to write such a publication.

Sra. Pirajá, Srta. Jimenez, and Sr. Patiño, were asked to continue the discussion on public relations at the next meeting. Sr. Bernardo was asked to open the next meeting with a discussion as to whether the Committee on Education for Librarianship should be asked to recommend the inclusion of a course in public relations in library schools' curricula. He was also requested to introduce the subject of bibliotherapy at a future meeting.

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No. 5

General Session 11:00 a.m. "The Modern Library Collection - Its Purpose and Character" was discussed under the direction of Sr. Julián Marchena, Director of the National Library of Costa Rica, as Moderator and with Gaston Litton, Director of the Biblioteca Americana of Managua, Nicaragua, as Assistant Moderator. Sr. Francisco Aguilera served as Translator and Reporter.

Non-book materials were the subjects discussed by Mr. Richard Hart, Director, Literature and Language Department of the Enoch Pratt Free Library in Baltimore; Dr. Solon Buck, United States National Archives; Dr. Rubens Borba de Moraes, National Librarian of Brazil; and Mr. Edward Waters, Assistant Chief, Music Division, Library of Congress.

Mr. Hart dwelt mostly on phonograph recordings, which in his own library perform a great public service in response to the demand for music, poetry readings, and foreign language instruction. Recordings are lent for two-week periods, for a small rental fee. Several years of experience show that the public's solicitous care in handling the discs and the willingness to pay the above-mentioned fee contribute to the preservation of the collection and to its enlargement. Records are successfully used in extension work, by lending them to schools, churches, and clubs.

Mr. Hart added that microfilming is valuable not only to research libraries but to public libraries as well, especially in developing a collection of documents pertaining to local history. The Baltimore public library is also interested in motion pictures and slide films. Notable items among these are the films relating to Edgar Allen Poe's life and works, which supplement the library's fine collection on printed materials on this author.

Dr. Buck defined "archival materials" as collections of official records relating to some body or individual, which are organized and preserved so as to keep the identity of the original body. Whereas the library is concerned with the ultimate consumer - the reader - the archival agency emphasizes provenance and identity. However, archival materials are increasingly organized so as to serve as sources of information on past human activities. Often, however, the functions of the library and the archival agency overlap.

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No. 6

General Session. 11:00 a.m. -- "Book Collection." Luis Cuadra Cea, Moderator; Verner W. Clapp, Assistant Moderator; Sr. Manuel Cardozo, Reporter.

Mr. Clapp stated some of the problems before the meeting. He was followed by Sr. Guillermo Barreiro who suggested the purchase of books in each country through a reputable dealer. He felt that the Library of Congress might properly become a deposit library of all books published in Latin America with the understanding that the Library should make known these acquisitions.

The problem was not one of purchase, thought Dr. Ernesto G. Gietz, but rather of knowing what was being published. He felt that there ought to be a center, preferably at the Pan American Union, where institutions of both continents might find information on exchanges. The Union should also be urged to publish a list of books available for purchase in the Pan American system. This service, according to Dr. Gietz, was not well organized to serve Latin America. He concluded with a discussion of the problem of acquiring government documents, and expressed the hope that there might be a list of these publications in the Library of Congress.

Mr. Verner Clapp felt that some of these problems should be discussed by the committee on acquisitions, and as regards United States Documents, their purchase could be arranged without difficulty through the Superintendent of Documents in Washington.

Mrs. Christina Buechner, who is Executive Secretary of the Committee on Inter-American Scientific Publication, and member Science Service working on State Department Book Translation Project, spoke of translations and author's rights. These, she thought, should be purchased outright by the publisher. The name of the translator should appear on the title page to give confidence to the purchaser and to encourage good translations.

General Session 4:00 p.m. -- "Non Book Collections." Noemia Lentino, Moderator; Edward Waters, Assistant Moderator; Manoel Cardozo, Reporter.

Mr. Burton Adkinson, Acting Chief of Maps Division of the Library of Congress, spoke on the importance of a map collection, and stressed the fact that the extent of such a collection will depend upon the needs of the area served by the library. He touched upon map

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No. 7

General Session - 11:00 a.m. "Exchange of Publications."

Mr. Robert Scudder, Department of State, Division of Libraries and Institutes, explained the Division's interest in exchange and the limitations within which it must function.

Mrs. Edith Wise, Library of Congress, Exchange and Gift Division, described the program of the Hispanic Exchange unit within her division which, since 1941, has handled book and non-book materials on an exchange basis.

UNESCO and several other organizations have suggested that the American Book Center for War Devastated Libraries, after the expiration of its present program, might well serve as a clearing house for international exchange of library materials, stated Mr. Kipp of the American Book Center.

Mr. Joseph Blickensderfer, editor of the "U.S. Quarterly Book List," published by the Library of Congress under the auspices of the Department of State's Interdepartmental Committee on Scientific and Cultural Cooperation, explained the origin, nature, and purpose of the above mentioned publication.

Mr. William Lamb, of the British Columbia, suggested that through international exchange and loan the problems of building up the collections of a young library might be met in part.

The need for directories of official publications, systematic listing of current publications of this type and the development of depository arrangements was emphasized by Mr. James Child, of the Acquisitions Department, Library of Congress.

Sr. Abdón Alvarez of Paraguay reminded the delegates that for the past fifty years inter-American conferences have been passing resolutions on exchange and other library matters as shown in the Gietz-Daniels compilation, "Antecedentes Bibliotecológicos Interamericanos e Internacionales." He warned against the temptation to indulge in endless academic discussions instead of doing something practical. He also urged that the Philippines and Canada join the American republics in carrying out exchange arrangements. Sr. Torres of El Salvador joined Sr. Alvarez in urging that the Assembly strive to put all these fine ideas into practice.

The Dominican Republic's recently created Office of Exchange and Cultural Information (Oficina de Canje y Division Cultural) and its organ "Boletín Bibliográfico Dominicano", were reported by Sr. Rodriguez Demorizi.

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No. 8

General session. 11:00 a.m. -- "Bibliography" Moderator: Dr. Permin Peraza; Assistant Moderator: Dr. Miron Burgin; Panel: Mr. H. W. Wilson, Mr. Daniel Melcher, Sr. Chaves, Sr. Baudilio Torres.

Mr. H. W. Wilson, President of the firm of H. W. Wilson & Company, proposed an indexing service of Latin American periodicals on a service basis and offered to extend this service to articles extracted in the Readers Digest. He also invited the delegates to visit the Company's offices in New York during their stay in that city.

Sr. Cortazar reported that the subcommittee on Library Science Bibliography, proposed that a center of library literature be established in the Instituto Bibliotecológico in Buenos Aires, as Dr. Gietz had offered to provide space, and the secretariat on Inter-American Library Science Bibliography could have a permanent secretary to be in charge of compiling the information submitted by the members of the committee from each country.

He stated that the bibliography should include material published on library science by Latin American authors, and material published on library science in the Americas by non-Latin American writers. He added that this bibliography perhaps be issued in mimeographed form, at periodical intervals; that later, if some such organization as the Pan American Union, could take over and issue a cumulated issue of the material published each year, it would constitute a permanent record; that the intention was, not to make it a retroactive bibliography but to include only materials published since 1948.

Sr. Cortazar proposed that members from each of the countries represented at the Assembly should be elected here so that on their return home they could start to organize and compile the items to be published. He also suggested that each country nominate one delegate, but, that due to geographical conditions in Argentina and Brazil, where library literature was being issued in several important regions, it should include two members, in order to facilitate the work of compiling the necessary information from these widely separated regions.

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No. 9

Seminar. 10:00 a.m. -- "Union Catalogs and Library Resources"
Moderator: Raymond Lavelanet; Assistant Moderator: G. Schwegmann;
P. Aguilera and Marian Forero, Reporters.

Mr. Lavelanet introduced M. Julien Cain to the audience. The Director of the Bibliotheque Nationale is visiting the United States and has expressed his interest in the current inter-American assembly. M. Lavelanet said that as a Haitian, a Latin American and a librarian, he was deeply honored to welcome such an outstanding representative of French culture. The French National Librarian, in answering, praised Dr. Evans for having promoted this assembly and commended the State Department and the American Library Association for their support. He pointed out that the Agenda is an important document which he will be glad to take back to Europe, where it will be an example and an inspiration. He stressed the need for cooperation between Europe and the Americas, and referred to the forthcoming UNESCO conference to be held in Mexico City.

Messrs. Garcia Granados and Borba de Moraes expressed in turn the admiration of Spanish and Portuguese speaking America for M. Cain, both as a librarian and a patriot, and their countries' debt of gratitude to French culture.

Mr. Paul Vanderbilt, Chief, Prints and Photographs Division, Library of Congress, opened the discussion on Union Catalog developments by asking whether there were two schools of thought on the matter --the liberals and the conservatives, or the individualists and the collectivists. Perhaps, he said, it would be simpler to agree that there are two distinct groups: those who are satisfied with solving the location problem by means of union catalogs, and those who are concerned with the relation of union catalogs to the more complex picture of identification of items, acquisitions development, cataloging and recataloging, etc. Mr. Vanderbilt insisted that he was a firm believer in making union catalog entries on transparencies, so as to facilitate the multiplication of cards.

Miss Franco, of São Paulo, mentioned that a union catalog of periodicals had been established in São Paulo. She added that if a union list of serials had been available before commencing this work, it would have saved the time spent in checking the individual collections of periodicals and establishing the correct bibliographic entries.

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No. 10

General Session. 11:00 a.m. -- "Present State of Cataloging and Classification in Latin America" Mr. Aguayo started the symposium by pointing out that self-styled intellectual circles in Latin America look down on library techniques, especially on classifying and cataloging. Mr. Fuenzalida explained that the Library of the University of Chile has adopted the Dewey System, in preference to LC classification, because of obvious local advantages. Dewey's shortcomings, such as in history, geography, and law, can very well be corrected to the satisfaction of Latin American librarians.

Mr. Peraza proposed: that national libraries adopt LC classification, and other libraries, Dewey; that both classifications be entered on the printed cards; that all libraries adopt the dictionary catalog.

Mr. Borba de Moraes questioned the advisability of recommending LC classification for one type of library, and Dewey for another, and explained the reasons which lead the National Library of Brazil to adopt Dewey despite its shortcomings. Mr. Patiño said that Panama's National Library has many branches throughout the country, and that it would be ill advise to use LC in the capital and Dewey in the provinces. Miss Jiménez and Mr. Aguayo informed respectively that Colombia's and Peru's national libraries instituted Dewey classification after a careful consideration.

Mr. Peraza asked Mr. Gropp to explain the reasons for Uruguay's adoption of LC classification. Mr. Gropp explained that, to begin with, there was no Dewey trend in Uruguay. At any rate, LC is used by the National Library in a restrictive form, so as not to postpone indefinitely the work of cataloging a rather vast collection.

Mr. Fuenzalida, on behalf of the Subcommittee on Classification, emphasized that this group is open minded on the subject of what system is preferable and has no intention of imposing any given choice on any country or institution.

Committee No. 4 2:30 p.m. -- "Bibliography"

Translations into Spanish, Portuguese, and French: Committee resolved to ask the Assembly of Librarians of the Americas, 1) to express its appreciation for the previous translations of U. S. books into Spanish, Portuguese, and French, and to recommend

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No. 11

General Session, May 26, 4:00 p.m. "Cataloging."

Mr. S. Lubetsky, Assistant Chief, Catalog Maintenance Division, Library of Congress, described the work that the Library of Congress was undertaking as its latest bibliographical venture, the Cumulative Catalog of Library of Congress Printed Cards. He mentioned the potentialities of this catalog and its value to libraries in its various operations, selection and acquisition, cataloging and classification, ordering Library of Congress printed cards, reference and bibliography, and inter-library loan.

Dr. Velazquez reported that the subcommittee had examined all the lists available in Spanish on subject headings. That they were mostly translations, used too many foreign words, did not have enough cross references, and were impractical. He mentioned that the subcommittee recommended the creation of a Permanent Committee and an Executive Committee to report and evaluate the list of subject headings prepared by Mr. Penna, as it appeared to be the best available; that the Brazilian members on the subcommittee would be responsible for the compilation of a list of subject headings in Portuguese, since they had also found inadequate the lists available in that language.

In 1892, the Columbus Memorial Library began the indexing of the important articles contained in Latin American magazines. Miss Brooks, Librarian, Pan American Union, reported that these special entries were included in the main catalog of the library. Also, that about 16,000 cards were added annually to the catalog, and were of great help to the researcher and scholar. She described briefly the cataloging procedure used for these special colored cards; complete author entry, title of article, abbreviated title of periodical, place of publication, date and paging were items included and subject headings also made for each topic treated.

Sr. Penna, of Argentina, then reported on the role of library schools in Latin America and the future of cataloging. He suggested that an international code of cataloging be taught in library schools, and that this code could be modified where necessary to conform to purely national conditions. He mentioned that his country mostly followed the Vatican Cataloging Code, and suggested that this and the A.T.A. Catalog Rules, be revised to make it worldwide in its application.

Miss Amelia Krieg spoke of several cataloging practices. First: Social implications of cataloging; Second: Various types of cataloging could be included or interfiled in one catalog; Third, Necessity that an international code of cataloging should be worldwide; that the most necessary items to be included should be an author entry, identification of title and identification of edition.

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No. 12

Seminar, 10:00 a.m. "Bookbinding, Care and Preservation"
Mr. John Adams Lowe, Director of the Rochester Public Library and Chairman of the A.L.A. Bookbinding Committee, gave an account of the cooperative program carried out by the A.L.A. Binding Committee and the Library Binding Institute (the latter representing the binding industry). Miss Frieda Boessel, Superintendent of Binding of the Enoch Pratt Free Library of Baltimore, explained in detail the binding procedures in a public library, involving professional, administrative, and technical activities. She made a plea for attractive bindings, especially in the case of books for children.

Dr. Mary Angela Bennett, Supervisor of Binding and Photography Department at Columbia University, described the work of preparing materials for binding in a university with about thirty departments and specialized libraries. Major Arthur E. Kimberly, Chief of the Division of Repair and Preparation at the U. S. National Archives, spoke as a chemist and archivist on papers and their enemies. After defining the factors which imperil documents he referred to the solutions which have proved satisfactory in the National Archives' unrelenting fight against paper's inherent perishable qualities and adverse conditions of storage.

Mr. Alvarez related his six-month's experience at the Rochester Public Library in connection with the preservation of library materials. Mr. Pardo stressed the problems peculiar to tropical areas with respect to the subject under discussion. He referred to a pamphlet published by the U. S.

Correction: The statement attributed to Miss Amelia Krieg, Bulletin of May 27, 1947, No. 11, page 2, seventh point, should read: "In the future I hope we may have more Inter-American committees similar to the Latin American subcommittee of the Special Committee on Dewey Decimal Classification of the American Library Association's Division of Cataloging and Classification.... But I hope that these future committees will be joint committees with Latin American members of your choosing as representing your own organization and that together, we can continue working on practical solutions of our mutual problems."

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No. 13

General Session, 11:00 a.m. "Education for Librarianship" Father Kortendick, Catholic University of America, reviewed the principles of library education which had crystallized during the discussions in committee and at general meetings. These came under five main divisions: (1) the creation of new library schools and the improvement of the curricula now in existence; (2) a consideration of the entrance requirements in the Type I schools, which should require English and one other modern language, skill in typewriting, and a university degree of the same grade as now required of candidates for the professions of law, medicine, and engineering. The age limits for admission should be 18 to 40. Curricula of 30 units or credits composed of 30 class hours of introduction to librarianship, 60 c.h. of History of books and libraries, 90 c.h. each of cataloging and classification, organization and administration, bibliography and reference. (3) This curriculum would lead to the first degree of Library Assistant, and the further degree of Librarian, which would be granted after study in a cultural subject and the preparation of a thesis. (4) Some system for the interchange of students is urged, the school to select the student, whose course would be carefully planned; and finally (5) the formation of an association of library school teachers to cooperate in selecting textbooks for translation.

Sr. Penna, of Argentina, emphasized that every library school should teach the integration of a library's service with the work of its community. He also spoke on the need of workshops of three to five weeks for those who lack professional education and advised against awarding diplomas or certificates for such a course of study.

Miss Ethel Fair, New Jersey Library School, spoke of the gradual growth of library schools and their survey by the ALA, which recommended that all the schools be taken over by institutions which already had degree-conferring powers. This is gradually being realized; today, there are few library schools outside the universities. We need to have a clear statement of the kinds of services which libraries are obligated to perform, so that the schools can plan their curricula accordingly.

Mr. Logsdon, U. S. Office of Education, amplified Miss Fair's statement with the suggestion that libraries need to define the jobs to be done.

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No. 14

General Session 11:00 a.m. "The Library and the People"
Miss Quigley opened the meeting with some general introductory remarks and then introduced the first speaker on the panel, Sr. Trujillo, of Mexico.

Sr. Trujillo traced the development of public libraries in Mexico, from the first ones established in 1921, with branches in Mexico City and rural areas, chiefly in schools. He told of Mexico's fight against illiteracy. Since 45 percent of the people can read and write, the government is anxious to provide books for them. 1,000 small, carefully selected rural libraries are being established this year; 12 bookmobiles are being sent to rural areas, equipped not only with carefully chosen, cataloged and classified books, but also with records and pictures. Librarians who accompany the trucks are to give talks about art and the lives of the painters represented in the picture collections. Sr. Trujillo also told of two new larger libraries which will soon be inaugurated: one is that of the Normal School and the other the Biblioteca Ibero-Americana.

Dr. Charles Gosnell, the next speaker, described briefly the history of New York's state library system from its beginnings in 1796 until the present day, including the contributions of Melvil Dewey to the growth of the library extension program, and his early program for adult education. He said that much has been done, but that much remains to be done, since there are still a million and a half people in New York state without library service.

Mrs. Steinbarger, of the D.C. Public Library, spoke next of the role of municipal libraries. She emphasized the importance of studying the community from every angle, so that the library in its midst may meet its needs to the greatest extent possible. The library should keep in touch with the interest and activities of its community, send representatives to municipal meetings and local gatherings, etc. Knowing the interests and needs, the library can supply the best books, help clubs with programs, suggest good speakers, give readers' advisory service, display films of interest to special groups, help in teaching through such devices as the linguaphone, etc. (D.C. Public has linguaphone records in 8 languages, all in constant use). Mrs. Steinbarger also brought out how these services and resources of the

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No. 15

General Session 11:00 a.m. "International Library Relations" Mr. Carl Milan, Executive Secretary of the American Library Association, brought greetings from the Association to the Assembly.

Dr. Basadre proposed that the Assembly send congratulations to Dr. Alberto Lleras Camargo, who was at that moment taking possession as new Director of the Pan American Union. A committee, headed by Mr. Francisco Aguilera, was appointed to draft the message.

The interest of UNESCO in the library field was outlined by Dr. Besterman, Councilor, Library Section of UNESCO. He assured the Assembly that there would be no duplication of effort between UNESCO and the International Federation of Library Associations.

A report on the meeting in Oslo of the International Federation of Library Associations was given by Leon Carnovsky who spoke of the pleasure it was to meet librarians from all over the world and to renew old acquaintances. Many formal reports were presented, and these will be published later. The next meeting of the Federation will take place in the United States, the time and place to be announced later. Mr. Carnovsky invited the Latin American delegates to see that their countries were represented at the forthcoming meeting.

Mr. Planchart affirmed that an interest in an appreciation of library service were gradually developing in his country.

The fact that it was possible to hold this Assembly of Librarians of the Americas at this time is optimistic proof of the level that library service in Latin America is now attaining, said Dr. Gietz. A few years ago it would not have been possible to meet with his North American colleagues on a plane of equality such as is enjoyed today. Dr. Gietz spoke of "inter-library collaboration", instead of "inter-American", as collaboration with UNESCO and the International Federation of Library Associations is opening the door to world-wide library relations.

Mr. Carl Sauer, Acting Chief, Division of International Libraries and Institutes of the Department of State, expressed his appreciation for the support the Department's program had received from librarians and from the A.L.A. Mr. Sauer said it was a policy of the United States to increase the understanding between the peoples of the world as a road to peace. In this respect the Department recognizes the role played by books and librarians. It has distributed the thousands of books, it maintains three libraries in Latin America as well as 67 information and

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Washington, D.C.

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General Session 10:30 a.m. "Findings Committee" - A meeting of the Assembly of Librarians of America was held on Thursday, June 5, 1947, at 10:50 a.m., in the Whittall Pavilion, Library of Congress, for the purpose of passing upon a number of resolutions presented by the various committees of the Assembly. Mr. Aguilera presided, and Mr. Cardozo recorded the minutes.

On the recommendation of Mr. Borba de Moraes, Co-chairman of the Committee on Inter-American Library Relations, it was moved by Mr. Gropp and seconded by Mr. Temple that an Executive Committee be appointed, with the authority to choose its own officers and to add two member to its ranks, for the purpose of preparing plans for a second assembly of librarians of America. This committee shall also have authority to supervise the work of whatever other permanent committees of the First Assembly may be established. The motion was passed unanimously.

An election was then held for members of the Committee. Secret ballots were cast by the delegates, and the following were declared elected: Mr. Basadre, with 44 votes; Mr. Borba de Moraes, with 42; Mr. Gietz, with 36; Mr. Evans, with 35, and Mr. Peraza with 24.

It was moved by Mr. Perez Ortiz and seconded by Mr. Garcia Granados to accept the following resolution presented by Mr. Borba de Moraes on behalf of the Committee on Inter-American Library Relations:

"La Asamblea de Bibliotecarios de America, con el fin de lograr un mayor desarrollo de las bibliotecas publicas en los paises latinoamericanos, resuelve:

"Sugerir a los gobiernos o parlamentos concedan autonomia administrativa y economica a las bibliotecas nacionales, tal como de la que hoy gozan las universidades, bajo la forma de entes autonomos, fundaciones o corporaciones, debidamente ayudados economicamente con rentas propias a base de equipos y mobiliario y modernizacion de los servicios. Estos cuerpos directivos se encargaran tanto de la organizacion general, como en lo que respecta a nombramientos y ascensos del personal profesional y sub-profesional." This resolution was signed by Messrs. Lavelanet, Borba de Moraes, Basadre, and Perez. The resolution was passed unanimously.

It was moved by Mr. Burgin, and seconded by Mr. Chaves, that the following resolution of the Committee on Inter-American Library Relations be adopted:

"Considerando que el intercambio de publicaciones constituye uno de los factores mas importantes para incrementar las relaciones interculturales americanas;

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General Session 9:00 a.m.

The Assembly convened to consider the Findings of the remaining Committees. Messrs. Temple and Puenzalida presented the report of the Acquisitions Committee. Resolutions 1 and 2 were approved as read. Resolution 3 provoked some discussion and on Mr. Hanke's suggestion, reference to the Pan American Institute of Geography and History was inserted in the resolution. The following were approved and given official status as a Subcommittee to Compile a Selected List of Dealers in the Inter-American Book, Periodical, and Map Trade: Mr. Adkinson, Mr. Bray, Mr. Biggs, Mr. Puenzalida, Mr. Basadre, Mr. Borba de Moraes, Mr. Arthur Burt, Mrs. Edith Wise. Resolution 3 was then approved.

Resolution 4 was approved as read. Mr. Temple announced the members of the subcommittee as follows, stating, after the suggestion by Dr. Hanke that more persons from Latin America should be named to the committee in order that the committee be more representative, that the committee was provisional and other members would be most welcome: Mrs. Wise, Chairman, Mr. Keller, Mr. Patiño, Mr. Alvarez, Mr. Cromwell, Miss Brooks.

Mr. Baudilio Torres questioned the advisability of limiting the list to commercial dealers, and Mr. Temple replied that no source, commercial or private, would be slighted.

Resolution 5 was discussed as to terminology, and approved after a slight change. Resolution No. 6 also was discussed at length. It was finally decided to have Mr. Temple, Mr. Basadre, and Mr. Penna draw up a revised statement. This was done and their recommendation was approved as read. During the discussion of this resolution, Mr. Patiño pointed out, that some Latin American countries have much more liberal postal regulations regarding printed matter than does the United States. Mr. Camacho and Mr. Rodríguez Demorizi confirmed Mr. Patiño's observation, giving the existing postal regulations in their respective countries. Messrs. Basadre, Burgin, Pérez Ortiz, Peraza, Temple, Aguilera, Planchart, Velázquez, Penna, all took part in the discussion of postal regulations and the other provisions of Resolution 6.

Resolution 7 was approved as read. Mr. Patiño made the suggestion that libraries should undertake to mail, without cost to the writer, books presented to them for this purpose.

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Executive Committee to prepare plans for the second Assembly,
10:00 a.m.

Members: Rubens Borba de Moraes, Jorge Basadre, Ernesto Gietz, Ferrin Peraza, and Luther L. Evans. Also in attendance were Francisco Aguilera and Marietta Daniels, who served as Chairman Protem for the election of a chairman of the Executive Committee.

Dr. Jorge Basadre was elected Chairman of the Executive Committee.

It was decided that each of the five members of the Executive Committee should be responsible for the coordination and supervision of the activities of each of the established committees of the Assembly, as follows:

- Committee I. Education for Librarianship - Jorge Basadre
- Committee II. Technical Processes - Ernesto Gietz
- Committee III. Bibliography - Ferrin Peraza
- Committee IV. Acquisitions - Rubens Borba de Moraes
- Committee V. Library Services and Development - Luther L. Evans

It was the opinion of the Executive Committee that the language of the Final Act of each Assembly should be in the language of the country in which the meeting is held, but that the findings of recommendations of the Assembly should be issued in all four official languages of the Assembly. The papers read should be in the language in which they were read. Those specialists who talked informally should be asked to send in written texts for final documentation.

A letter will be sent out from Dr. Basadre to the committee co-chairman advising them formally of the member of the Executive Committee who will act as coordinator for them.

The Secretariat for the Assembly should remain provisionally in Washington.

Each of the members of the Executive Committee contributed twenty dollars for the necessary expenditures for postage.

The next Assembly will probably be held in 1949, the place to be determined later.

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*Con el propósito de dar a los distinguidos colegas una ligera idea sobre ciertos aspectos que constituyen la organización de la Biblioteca Pública de Rochester que será visitada por los mismos el día 14 de junio, hemos preparado con la mejor voluntad, entre sesiones y meetings, las páginas que siguen. Que esta premura y escasez de tiempo justifiquen la omisión de otros detalles y comentarios acerca de la citada biblioteca.

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MICRO FILM READERS

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AMIC READER - PROJECTOR

SCREEN

Translucent 12" x 12"

Magnification

14 x

Remarks

It is possible to use this machine for direct projection at larger magnifications. The entire width of 35 mm. film can be easily read by shifting the image on the screen. Suitable for reading books and manuscripts.

PRICE

\$ 300.00

DELIVERY

Immediate

MANUFACTURER

American Measuring Instruments Corp.
240 West 40th. Street
New York, N.Y.

DIEBOLD FLOFILM MICROFILM READER

SCREEN

Translucent 14" x 14"

Magnification

11 x

REMARKS

Electrically operated. Primarily a business machine. The motorized drive is not suited to turning one page at a time and the 11 x magnification limits its use to material taken at low reductions.

PRICE

\$ 425.00

DELIVERY

Immediate

MANUFACTURER

Diebold Inc.
2 West 45th Street
New York 19, N.Y.

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HOLBROOK COMBINATION READER

SCREEN Translucent 14" x 16"

MAGNIFICATION 25 x

REMARKS In combining 16 mm. and 35 mm. reading this machine sacrifices film coverage, projecting only half of 35 mm. Thus every page must be scanned in reading 35 mm. film.

PRICE \$ 275.00

DELIVERY Immediate

MANUFACTURER Holbrook Microfilming Service Inc.
Empire State Building
New York, N.Y.

ORCO-GRAPHIC MICROFILM READER

SCREEN Translucent 15" x 15"

MAGNIFICATION 15 x

REMARKS Very good for reading 35 mm. microfilms perforated on both sides. For unperforated film an inconvenient shift is provided or another lens can be had which reduces the magnification to 13 x. Not therefore adapted to the reading of newspapers.

PRICE \$ 225.00

DELIVERY 30 days

MANUFACTURER Graphic Microfilm Corp.
112 Liberty Street
New York 6, N.Y.

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RECORDAK FILM READER MODEL C

SCREEN	Translucent 18" x 18" to
MAGNIFICATION	12 x/23 x
REMARKS	A versatile instrument capable of reading any 35 mm. film a library is likely to have.
PRICE	\$ 440.00
DELIVERY	4 months
MANUFACTURER	Recordak Corp. 350 Madison Avenue New York, N.Y.

SPENCER SCHOLAR'S MICROFILM READER

SCREEN	Opaque 14" x 15 3/4"
MAGNIFICATION	15 x
REMARKS	Awkward to use, but inexpensive and effective within its limitations.
PRICE	\$ 50.00 \$ 16.50 roll film attachment
DELIVERY	90 days
MANUFACTURER	American Optical Company Scientific Instrument Division Buffalo 15, N.Y.

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THE AMERICAS*, 1st, Washington, D.C., 1947.

PROGRAM

Library of Congress, Washington, D.C.

May 12 to June 7, 1947

Theme: THE LIBRARY IN THE AMERICAS - A

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	Morning	Afternoon	Evening
Sunday, May 11		4 p.m. Book Exhibit- PAN AMERICAN UNION	
	10:00 a.m.	2:30 p.m.	8:30 p.m.
Monday, May 12	Registration	Registration	Inaugural Session
Tuesday, May 13	Organizational Session	The Modern Library 3:00 p.m.	
Wednesday, May 14	Problems of Latin American Librarians	3:30 p.m. Profes- sional Forum (Meeting of dele- gates at 3:00 p.m.)	
Thursday, May 15	Libraries and Library Services	Trip through Library of Congress	Budapest String Octet -Concert-
Friday, May 16	Senate hearing on Federal Aid for Libraries bill	Libraries for Children and Young People	
Saturday, May 17			6:30 p.m. Dinner in Rare Book Room

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CHILE

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COLOMBIA

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Rubén Pérez Ortiz, Librarian, Escuela Normal Superior, Bogotá.

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THE AGENDA

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Objectives:

The objectives of the Assembly of Librarians of the Americas are to foster library development in the Americas and to stimulate library relations among the countries of the Americas, within the framework of the world library development, and in the interest of world-wide Hispanic studies.

Foreword:

The Assembly of Librarians of the Americas has been planned as a combination conference and work-shop. Morning sessions are devoted to panel or round table discussions on modern library activities and trends on the national and international level. The afternoon committee meetings constitute a "work-shop" planned to provide an opportunity for the resolution of specific problems which can be submitted to the Assembly for its pleasure.

Papers prepared in advance by the constituency of the Assembly form an integral part of the official documentation of the Assembly as essential background material.

It is submitted that the theme of the conference is:

THE LIBRARY IN THE AMERICAS

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At the outset it is necessary for the Assembly to have a clear picture of what purpose a library serves in the modern world and what its place is in the community, the nation and in the world. That understanding is essential in order that the librarians from North America and Latin America may meet on common ground. Therefore, in the first week the theme of the discussion should be:

I - THE MODERN LIBRARY - A SOCIAL INSTITUTION

After the purposes and functions of libraries have been determined, the next step is to investigate the practical means of fulfilling these purposes and functions. There are many problems of an internal nature involved in assuring an adequate library collection and in utilizing the resources available outside the library itself. The second week, therefore, is devoted to:

II - RESOURCES OF THE MODERN LIBRARY

The problems involved in servicing the library's collection and in the general administration of the library occupies the third week:

III - TECHNICAL DEVELOPMENTS IN THE MODERN LIBRARY

These aforementioned topics concern chiefly the internal

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Folk-lore recordings; and d) Maps, in relation to a guide to the mapping services in the Western Hemisphere; 3) Problems of copyright, postage, transportation and exportation, and consideration of the possibility of lowering retail rates on published materials.

Committee IV. BIBLIOGRAPHY. To study the possibilities of:

- 1) Compiling a bibliography of current Latin American bibliographies of national character; 2) establishing standards for compiling national bibliographies; 3) preparing a pamphlet on the principal bibliographies published throughout the world with information concerning purchase; 4) compiling a trade bibliography for Latin America; 5) compiling standard buying guides; 6) compiling lists of translations or suggestions for translations; 7) in the field of library literature, a) the publication of library journals in Spanish, Portuguese and French, b) a complete bibliography of library literature published in Spanish, Portuguese and French, and c) a selective bibliography in all languages on library science.

Committee V. LIBRARY SERVICES AND DEVELOPMENT. To survey the problems of: 1) Library legislation and finances; 2) in the field of Public relations, to explore the field with brief suggestions for a pamphlet in Spanish, Portuguese and French on the subject; 3) in Adult Education, a) to consider the library's role in literacy campaigns, b) cooperation with adult educational programs and organizations, c) workers' libraries, factory libraries, rural libraries, and libraries in industrial centers, d) occupational rehabilitation and advancement, e) and the cooperation of the library in public health programs; 4) in Library extension, and media of extension work such as lectures, films, forums, concerts, exhibitions, package libraries, photoduplications; 5) in Rural library development, to consider a) regional library planning in Latin America in order to arrive at some standards, to investigate how rural libraries can be supported, and to study the legislation involved, and b) types of rural library extension such as deposits in rural schools or drug stores, bookmobiles, and package libraries; 6) in Standard rules for service, to prepare samples of brief rules governing use of library, and to consider the compilation of staff manuals for staff orientation.

The coordinating committees are the following:

Committee VI. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE. To direct the deliberations of the Assembly.

Committee VII. INTER-AMERICAN LIBRARY RELATIONS. The function of this committee is three-fold: 1) to receive and coordinate the suggestions and proposals of an inter-American nature submitted by the other committees; 2) to select the resolutions based on those proposals to present to the Assembly at large; 3) to set up the mechanism by which the Assembly can work in library bibliographical matters or with existing inter-American or national organizations such as the American Library Association and the Pan American

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COMMITTEES AND MODERATORS

A. Agenda Committee:

Ernesto G. Gietz, Secretario

Jorge Basadre, Director, Biblioteca Nacional, Lima, Peru.

Galileo Patifo, Director, Biblioteca Nacional, Panama.

Juan A. Silva Vila, Director, Biblioteca Nacional, Montevideo.

Rubens Borba de Moraes, Director, Biblioteca Nacional,
Rio de Janeiro, Brazil.

Janeiro Brooks, Bibliotecaria, Union Panamericana, Washington,
D. C.

Arthur E. Gropp, Director, Biblioteca Artigas-Washington,
Montevideo, Uruguay.

Paul Howard, Director, National Relations Office, American Li-
brary Association, Washington, D. C.

B. Committees:

Co-Chairmen

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|---|------------------------|------------------------|
| 1) Education for Librarianship | - Arthur E. Gropp | Carlos Victor Penna |
| 2) Technical Processes | - Amelia Krieg | Jorge Aguayo |
| 3) Acquisitions | - Phillips Temple | Hector Fuenzalida |
| 4) Bibliography | - Miron Burgin | Augusto Cortazar |
| 5) Library Services and Development | - Helen T. Steinbarger | Galileo Patifo |
| 6) Executive Committee (Agenda Committee) - | | |
| 7) Inter-American Library Relations | - Janeiro Brooks | Rubens Borba de Moraes |
| 8) Findings Committee | - Francisco Aguilera | |

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I EDUCATION FOR LIBRARIANSHIP

Co-Chairmen: Gropp
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Members:	Aguayo	Barreto, Emma	Mitchell, Eleanor
	Basadre	Bennett, Mary A.	Munn, Ralph
	Bernardo	Beust, Nora	Ottmiller, John
	Borba de Moraes	Brown, Karl	St. John, Francis
	Cortazar	Cunningham, Eileen	
	Franco	Douglas, Mary P.	
	Fuenzalida	Fair, Ethel	
	Lentino	Hausdorfer, Walter	
	Marchena	Herdman, Margaret	
	Martinez-	Holland, Kenneth	
	Moselli	Kortendick, Rev.	
	Peraza	Litchfield, Dorothy	
	Perez Ortiz	Logsdon, Richard	

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Co-Chairmen:	Krieg	Clifford, Kathleen
	Aguayo	Commins, Dorothy
		Cunningham, Eileen
Members:	Castañeda	Gropp, Arthur
	Franco	France, Sara
	Fuenzalida	Haykin, David
	Garcia Granados	Honkle, Herman
	Gietz	Johnson, Winifred
	Lentino	Jones, Irene
	Marchena	Loops, Marian
	Monteiro	MacDonald, Ruth
	Penna	Morsch, Lucile
	Peraza	Porter, Dorothy
	Planchart	Potter, Esther
	Rodriguez D.	Robinson, Sarita
	Silva Vila	Villa S., Clara
	Velazquez	

III ACQUISITIONS

Co-Chairmen: Fleming
Fuenzalida

* Composition of Committees made principally from questionnaires received. Others who wish to become members of certain committees or wish to change membership should speak with Dr. Gietz.

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GENERAL SESSIONS.- MODERATORS AND PANELS

The following persons have been requested by the Interim Agenda Committee to serve as Moderators, Assistant Moderators, and members of the Panels to lead the discussions at the various general sessions and seminars.

Date	Hour	Topic	Moderator	Asst. Mod.	Panel
May 13	3:00 p.m.	Modern Library	Hanke	Torres	Howard Borba López T. Marchena Douglas Cortazar Lentino Pérez O.
14	10 a.m.	Principal Problems in Latin American Libraries	Basadre	Cardozo	Reason X. Smith Jiménez Patiño Silva Vila
15	10 a.m.	Libraries and Library Services	García	Dunbar	Beust Wiese Goetz Bates Bubb Castañeda P. Lentino
16	2:30 p.m.	Libraries for Children and Young People	López T.	Alexander	Greenaway Waters Buck Borba Lavelanet Planchart
19	10 a.m.	Modern Library Collection	Marchena	Litton	Hafner Suro Buechner Cañes Bernardo Rodríguez Velázquez
20	10 a.m.	Book Collection	Cuadra C.	Clapp	Graham Spivacke Adkinson Angel Mitchell Seeger Lavelante Pardo Pérez O.
	2:30 p.m.	Non-Book Collection	Lentino	Waters	

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May 13

Tuesday

10 a.m. ORGANIZATIONAL AND PROCEDURAL SESSION

Dr. Luther H. Evans presiding as Provisional Chairman.

Dr. Ernesto G. Gietz presenting report of the Interim

Agenda Committee

Rapporteur - Kathleen Clifford

3:00 p.m. GENERAL SESSION The Modern Library - Its Philosophy
and Functions

Moderator - Lewis Hanke

Assistant Moderator - Baudilio Torres

Rapporteur - Manoel Cardozo

Panel:- Paul Howard

Rubens Borba de Moraes

Clemente López Trujillo

Julían Marchena

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PASEO A BALTIMORE, Md., SABADO, Mayo 24 de 1947

1. Horas de salida y regreso.

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El tren Baltimore & Ohio saldrá de Washington a las 9 a.m. y llegará a Baltimore (Camden Station) a las 9:50 a.m. Daylight Saving Time. (Hora que se usa en Washington durante el verano)

El tren saldrá de Baltimore a la 1:47 p.m. (Daylight Saving time)

2. Hora y lugar de reunión antes de la salida.

Union Station, Travellers' Aid Desk. 8:30 a.m. Allí les harán encuentro Mrs. Edith Wise y Miss Helen Stephens, ambas de la Division de Hispanio Gift and Exchange, de la Biblioteca del Congreso, y el Sr. Francis Thorne de la Interstate Commerce Commission Library.

3. Boletos.

El Departamento de Estado ha preparado un vale para el viaje.

El pasajero tendrá que firmar su vale en la Secretaría de la Asamblea. La Secretaría se encargará de comprar los boletos y de repartirlos el viernes próximo. Cada persona será responsable de llegar a la Union Station a las 8:30, con su boleto.

4. En Baltimore. De la Camden Station, los delegados tomarán el tranvía que los conducirá a la Enoch Pratt Free Library, donde les dará la bienvenida el Director, Sr. Emerson Greenaway, y el Sr. Richard Hart.

5. El grupo regresará de Baltimore a la 1:47 p.m. y deberán estar en la Estación Camden antes de la 1:30 p.m.

6. El té de la Srita. Brooks, en honor de los delegados, se verificará esa misma tarde, de las 4 a las 6 p.m.

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VIAJE A NUEVA YORK

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Los delegados deberán firmar un vale amparando su boleto a New York. Esta Secretaría comprará los boletos y los entregará a los delegados. Favor de tomar nota que los delegados no becados por el Departamento de Estado deberán entregar a Miss Daniels el valor de su boleto para que ella pueda conseguirlo.

Hotel:

Las reservaciones para el alojamiento en Nueva York fueron hechas por esta Secretaría hace algunas semanas, en los hoteles siguientes:

Henry Hudson Hotel
7th Avenue and 55th Street
New York, N.Y.

Wellington Hotel
7th Avenue and 55th Street
New York, N.Y.

Great Northern Hotel
118th West 57th Street
New York, N.Y.

En caso de que alguien no quiera hacer uso de las reservaciones que nosotros hicimos en alguno de los hoteles arriba mencionados, favor de avisar inmediatamente a Miss Daniels. En tal caso, la responsabilidad de conseguir alojamiento en New York correrá por su cuenta.

Los delegados deberán pagar de su per diem de \$10.00, la cuenta del hotel y demás gastos, con excepción del boleto del tren.

Comprobante:

Al regreso de New York, los delegados becados deberán firmar los comprobantes amparando el viaje y que se encuentran en el escritorio de Miss Daniels.

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Entre los documentos que han sido distribuidos en esta Secretaría de la Asamblea, los delegados deberán haber recibido las siguientes hojas:

I - Tours through the United States. (Lista de las personas encargadas de los preparativos para nuestras visitas a las diferentes ciudades en los Estados Unidos).

II - Tour I and Tour II (Ruta I y Ruta II)

La correspondencia para los delegados durante la gira podrá ser dirigida de la manera siguiente:

1) Antes del miércoles, 11 de Junio, a

Nombre del delegado
c/o Mr. Kenneth Shaffer
Librarian, Simmons College
Boston, Mass.

2) Antes del 17 de Junio, a

Nombre del delegado
c/o Mr. Carl A. Milan
American Library Association
50 East Huron Street
Chicago, Ill.

3) Antes del 23 de Junio, a (Route 1)

Nombre del delegado
c/o Mrs. Ethel M. Holmes
Librarian, Public Library
Salt Lake City, Utah

o á

(Route 2)

Nombre del delegado
c/o Miss Althea Warren
Librarian, Public Library
Los Angeles, California.

4) Antes del 4 de Julio, a

Nombre del delegado
c/o Marietta Daniels
American Library Association
Civic Auditorium
San Francisco, California

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RECOMMENDATIONS PROPOSED BY COMMITTEES TO THE
ASSEMBLY OF LIBRARIANS OF THE AMERICAS

COMMITTEE ON BIBLIOGRAPHY

Resolution 1. Bibliografías nacionales.

La Asamblea de Bibliotecarios de América, teniendo en cuenta que las reiteradas recomendaciones de organismos internacionales respecto de la necesidad de que se publique en cada país la bibliografía nacional, no ha tenido realización práctica sino en contados casos, resuelve:

Recomendar que sean las Bibliotecas nacionales o las instituciones bibliotecológicas las encargadas de llevar a cabo la compilación y publicación de la bibliografía nacional respectiva, en aquellos países donde no se realiza ya, gracias a esfuerzos oficiales o privados.

A fin de que tales bibliografías sirvan, no sólo como registro informativo, sino también como guías utilizables para adquisiciones, se recomienda que sean publicadas lo más inmediatamente que sea posible, con respecto a la fecha de edición de las obras incluidas.

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Resolution 2. Bibliografías de bibliografías nacionales.

La Asamblea de Bibliotecarios de América resuelve:

Recomendar la urgente compilación de bibliografías de bibliografías nacionales como punto de partida para

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COMITE DE EDUCACION PROFESIONAL

La Asamblea de Bibliotecarios de América recomienda:

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2. Procurar dentro de un plazo breve la organización del patrimonio bibliográfico de cada país de acuerdo con un criterio bibliotecológico moderno, basando tal esfuerzo en la uniformidad y seriedad de las prácticas y técnicas correspondientes.
3. Fundar y mantener escuelas de Bibliotecología, cuyos programas y requisitos mínimos quedan especificados más adelante, para dar adecuado cumplimiento a lo expresado en los puntos 1 y 2.
4. Organizar el funcionamiento de estas escuelas, de modo que los estudios se realicen teórica y prácticamente de acuerdo con métodos y técnicas de uso internacional aunque adaptándolos a las características particulares de cada país o lugar, y conformándolos dentro de una doctrina integral acerca de la misión y significado de las bibliotecas dentro de la sociedad contemporánea.
5. Exigir los siguientes requisitos para el ingreso, a fin de establecer un nivel mínimo de enseñanza profesional por parte de las escuelas de bibliotecarios:
 - a- Que se considere como edad mínima los 18 años y como máxima los 40; que los candidatos hayan terminado los mismos estudios que se exigen para el ingreso a la universidad de cada país o posean el título de maestros normalistas;

que los aspirantes puedan leer inglés, teniendo en cuenta que la mayor parte del material de estudio está escrito en ese idioma y al mismo tiempo, la falta de textos en castellano y portugués para muchas de las materias que se cursan;

que se exija asimismo el conocimiento de otro idioma moderno, el cual será determinado por cada una de las escuelas;

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COMMITTEE ON LIBRARY SERVICES AND DEVELOPMENT

The Assembly of Librarians of the Americas recommends:
(1)

That every Latin American country establish a library association.

(2)

That in every country legislation be enacted for the purpose of organizing adequate library service.

(3)

That established libraries in Latin America such as national libraries, encourage and assist institutes and societies to organize libraries or collections in their special fields to be made available to the general public.

(4)

That special emphasis should be given to the establishment of libraries for children.

(5)

That libraries consider a coordinated acquisitions plan whereby the collections of many libraries could be available to all by extensive inter-library loan.

(6)

That microfilm and photostatic reproductions of rare materials, articles in periodicals, etc., be made available in cases where international library loan might present difficulties.

(7)

That libraries make an effort to arrange for the micro-filming of collections of rare and documentary materials such as microfilm productions to be placed in well constructed libraries in various countries. This is recommended as a method of preserving rare materials against the ravages of fire and earthquake.

(8)

That there be prepared and published for international use a brief and simple statement of larger, basic principles of those public relations common to all phases of library services and extension the world over.

(9)

That there be celebrated throughout the Americas a national book week in which the radio, press, cinema, local clubs, and individuals could participate, and that a list of suggestions be made to serve as a guide in planning such events.

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RECOMMENDATIONS PROPOSED BY THE COMMITTEES TO THE
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COMMITTEE ON ACQUISITIONS

Resolution 1)

That there be compiled a Guide to Inter-American Sources of Non-book Materials, suggested specifications for which will be duly published in the proceedings of the Assembly.

Resolution 2)

That legislation, conventions, and treaties affecting copyright and other materials in libraries be clarified and broadened with respect to the rights of libraries and institutions to make use of and reproduce such materials for scholarly and other non-commercial purposes.

Resolution 3)

That a duly appointed representative of each country participating in this Assembly request the cooperation of a map specialist in his area who will provide information about official agencies which prepare and publish maps in that area; that a list of dealers handling non-official maps be compiled with the assistance of a Sub-committee to Compile a Selected List of Dealers in the Inter-American Book, Periodical and Map Trade; that the names of cooperating officials in each country be forwarded to Dr. Burton W. Adkinson, Maps Division, Library of Congress, Washington 25, D.C. in order that he may provide each cooperating official with a form indicating the exact information to be compiled and distributed.

Resolution 4)

That there be established a Sub-committee to Compile a Selected List of Dealers in the Inter-American Book, Periodical and Map Trade for the purpose of compiling, distributing and collating upon their return, questionnaires whose data will be published for the mutual benefit of libraries in the Americas.

Resolution 5)

That the Assembly urge the United States Department of State, the Office of the Superintendent of Documents, and the United States Government Printing Office to carry forward to completion the tentative proposal that priced United States Government publications be placed on sale in other countries through the agency of the Embassies and Consulates therein located; and that the possibility of a similar arrangement for the distribution of documents from the Governments of Latin American countries be explored.

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RECOMMENDATIONS OF COMMITTEE ON TECHNICAL PROCESSES

- I. Be it resolved that the Committee express its appreciation of and admiration for the many printed and manuscript works in the field of Technical Processes which have been brought to its attention during its deliberations. A list of those especially prepared for this Assembly are appended.
- II. Whereas two Sub-committees (Subject Headings and Cataloging) have presented resolutions urging the formation of a central committee of librarians or office, for the purpose of the collaborative compilation and ultimate publication of definitive lists of subject headings, terminology, accepted abbreviations, capitalization, and filing rules, in the languages of Latin America, and, Whereas such a committee could be extremely useful in the development of other means of standardization not possible to discuss at this meeting,

BE IT RESOLVED

- A. That such a committee be authorized by the Assembly.
- B. That its members be chosen from among the Latin American Specialists in the field of Technical Processes, representing in so far as possible all countries of that area.
- C. That this committee have an executive board of five members:
- 1) Caribbean Area: 1 member
 - 2) Central America and Mexico: 1 member
 - 3) South America: 3 members, from a) Brazil, b) Northern South America, c) Southern South America.
- D. That the Executive Board form the Committee prior to the dispersal of the Assembly.
- E. That the Executive Board establish rules for its and the Committee's procedure.
- F. That the Executive Board be authorized to accept invitations for the location of the office of the Secretariat.
- G. That the Executive Board attempt to secure funds for the support of its work.
- H. That the Executive Board proceed to set a time table of priority for the study of these subjects.
- I. That the overall plan of the Committee's work when ready be presented to some foundation for grants-in-aid or subsidy.
- III. Whereas the Subcommittee on Cataloging has recommended the creation of a Joint Committee of Librarians of the Americas for further study leading to the solution of problems, which it is believed prevent the American Library Association rules from serving Latin American needs to the maximum international benefit,

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Resolutions Adopted By The Assembly Of Librarians Of The Americas

(The resolutions, which were adopted by the Assembly in plenary session June 5 and 6, are grouped according to the Committees which submitted the recommendations.)

I. Committee On Education For Librarianship

Resolution 1. Professional training. The Assembly of Librarians of the Americas calls attention to the urgent necessity of establishing a scale of professional accomplishment with respect to activities relating to the organization and administration of libraries.

Resolution 2. National Bibliographies. The Assembly of Librarians of the Americas recommends that steps be taken to organize as soon as possible the bibliographical patrimony of each country in accordance with the latest requirements of library science and utilizing the appropriate practices and techniques.

Resolution 3. Library science schools. The Assembly of Librarians of the Americas recommends that in order to insure adequately the realization of objectives stated in resolutions 1 and 2 there be established library science schools for which minimum requirements and programs are defined in separate resolutions.

Resolution 4. Purpose and functions of library schools. The Assembly of Librarians of the Americas recommends that library schools be organized in such a way as to provide for theoretical and applied study in accordance with internationally recognized methods and techniques and in conformity with the general philosophy concerning the mission and place of the library in a modern society, even though it may be found advisable to adapt these methods to the specific requirements of each country or area.

Resolution 5. Entrance requirements. The Assembly of Librarians of the Americas recommends that in order to stabilize a minimum standard of professional training in library science schools, the following entrance requirements be established:

- a. Age: minimum - 18 years; maximum - 40 years.

Candidates must have completed such studies as are required for entrance to universities, or must have received a teacher's degree; candidates must have a reading knowledge of English, since a large part of text material is published in English, and since also there is a severe shortage of text in Spanish and Portuguese; candidates must also show knowledge of another modern language. The language is to be determined by the school; candidates must be able to operate a typewriter.

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May 13, 1947

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No. 1

Inaugural Session May 12, 8:30 p.m.-- The Assembly of Librarians of the Americas was opened formally in the Coolidge Auditorium of the Library of Congress with words of welcome by Dr. Luther Evans, Librarian of Congress. More than 30 Latin American, Canadian, Philippine delegates and 400 U. S. librarians were present and heard Dr. Evans ask that a blueprint for action be drawn up in terms of the place which libraries should hold in a world made new by a war and the peace which have followed it."

Mr. Howland Sargeant welcomed the delegates in the name of the State Department, who, through the Division of International Exchange of Persons, had made possible the visit of the Latin American Librarians to the Assembly. Mr. Sargeant said, "The State Department warmly supports these interchange meetings among the American Republics and Canada, believing that our good neighborliness becomes concrete and active through direct contact and working discussions among individuals engaged in similar fields. This is the warp and woof of cooperation among nations."

Words of welcome were also expressed by Paul North Rice on behalf of the American Library Association, by Pedro de Alba for the Pan American Union. The reply for the Latin American librarians was made by Rubens Borba de Moraes, Director of the National Library of Brazil.

General Session May 13, 10:00 a.m.--The first general session of the Assembly of Librarians of the Americas was presided over by Dr. Luther Evans. The material for discussion, the report of the Interim Agenda Committee was presented by Dr. Ernest Gietz. Sr. Francisco Aguilera acted as Assistant Moderator. Mrs. Edith Wise and Miss Kathleen Clifford assisted as translators and reporters for the meeting.

Dr. Luther Evans was unanimously elected permanent Chairman of the Assembly. The directors of national libraries, the Chief of the Division of Libraries of the Ministry of Education of Mexico, a Canadian librarian, and the delegate from Haiti were named as Vice-Chairmen by the members of the Assembly.

A discussion and explanation of the Agenda was led by Dr. Ernesto Gietz. Suggestions for changes and improvements were requested, but it was the opinion of the Assembly that the report should be adopted as presented. Dr. Lewis Hanke suggested that a day be set aside to discuss topics not covered by the

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May 14, 1947

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No. 2

General Session 10:00 a.m. -- "Principal Problems Facing Latin American Librarians" was the subject assigned for discussion at this meeting. Jorge Basadre presided as Moderator and Manoel Cardozo as Assisting Moderator.

The problems of the small library, the rural library, and the school library in the United States were presented by Mrs. Mary Douglas in order to open the subject. Among delegates who spoke briefly on the subject were: Patiño, López Trujillo, Pardo, Cortázar, Lentino, Pérez Ortiz, and Neves. These speakers discussed the following problems facing their professions: 1) Need to educate the public in the use of the library; 2) Desirability of a community survey previous to library service; 3) Professional association and coordination of professional information; 4) Training of increased personnel in fewer, but better schools; 5) Illiteracy and communication; 6) Bureaucracy and lack of government support; 7) Financing; 8) Equipment; 9) Selection of books appropriate to needs; 10) Latin American bibliographical center and clearing house of information; 11) Necessity of reference tools and books appropriate for Latin America; 12) Program of propaganda and publicity; (13) Standardization in equipment and methods.

Professional Forum 3:00 p.m. -- A discussion of the participation of the Library of Congress staff in the administration of the affairs of the library was made by Dr. Luther Evans as a preliminary to the forum. The Library of Congress has made some interesting experiments in achieving a democratic expression of the better opinion of the staff. It is Dr. Evans' opinion that the Library is stronger and better administered because of this participation. He explained that there were four groups: the Staff Advisory Committee whose members are either chosen by the Librarian or appointed by one of the Unions or personnel of the library; the Staff Discussion Group, which meets in sections and divisions and is limited to twenty-five members who meet every three months to discuss library problems.

The subject for debate by the Forum was whether or not the Staff Discussion Groups should continue to meet, or whether they should be discontinued as of no benefit to the Library. Four scheduled speakers presented their views, followed by a discussion from the floor.

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No. 3

General Session 10:00 a.m.-- The topic announced for discussion was "Libraries and Library Services." Dr. Rafael García Granados of Mexico served as Moderator; Mr. Ralph Dunbar, Chief of the Division of Library Sciences, U. S. Office of Education, as Assistant Moderator.

The meeting opened with the showing of two films: Not by books alone, prepared by the Rochester Public Library, Rochester, New York, and Books and people - the wealth within, of the State of Alabama Public Library Services Division. Mr. Dunbar explained that these films had been selected for showing to illustrate various aspects of library practice in the United States. The members of the Assembly were requested to observe the films critically and to be prepared to discuss after the showing whether certain services had been over-stressed, whether some that should have been shown were omitted, and what part of the practices illustrated might be adopted to advantage in other countries.

The first film is a colorful presentation of the diversity of activities carried on by a well-organized library in a large city. The second film offers a panoramic view of the present development, in the State of Alabama, of the public library. It was opportune that Mrs. Jessie Sanderson, Field Representative of the Public Library Services, Division for the State of Alabama, be presented to the Assembly.

The showing of the films was followed by comments from several of the delegates.

Sra. Bernadette Sinay Neves of Brazil commented that the State of Alabama film had greater appeal to her since it gives so much importance to the effectiveness of small libraries, and showed methods by which they may be brought to the people.

Mr. Xenophon Smith, Chief, Division for the Blind, Library of Congress, called attention to a library service not shown in either of the films, - namely, service to the blind. Mr. Smith outlined briefly this service as it is carried on in the United States, whereby the Library of Congress is responsible for the preparation of books in Braille and talking books and for their transmission to twenty-five libraries, located throughout the country, which may

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No. 5

General Session 11:00 a.m. "The Modern Library Collection - Its Purpose and Character" was discussed under the direction of Sr. Julián Marchena, Director of the National Library of Costa Rica, as Moderator and with Gaston Litton, Director of the Biblioteca Americana of Managua, Nicaragua, as Assistant Moderator. Sr. Francisco Aguilera served as Translator and Reporter.

Non-book materials were the subjects discussed by Mr. Richard Hart, Director, Literature and Language Department of the Enoch Pratt Free Library in Baltimore; Dr. Solon Buck, United States National Archives; Dr. Rubens Borba de Moraes, National Librarian of Brazil; and Mr. Edward Waters, Assistant Chief, Music Division, Library of Congress.

Mr. Hart dwelt mostly on phonograph recordings, which in his own library perform a great public service in response to the demand for music, poetry readings, and foreign language instruction. Recordings are lent for two-week periods, for a small rental fee. Several years of experience show that the public's solicitous care in handling the discs and the willingness to pay the above-mentioned fee contribute to the preservation of the collection and to its enlargement. Records are successfully used in extension work, by lending them to schools, churches, and clubs.

Mr. Hart added that microfilming is valuable not only to research libraries but to public libraries as well, especially in developing a collection of documents pertaining to local history. The Baltimore public library is also interested in motion pictures and slide films. Notable items among these are the films relating to Edgar Allen Poe's life and works, which supplement the library's fine collection on printed materials on this author.

Dr. Buck defined "archival materials" as collections of official records relating to some body or individual, which are organized and preserved so as to keep the identity of the original body. Whereas the library is concerned with the ultimate consumer - the reader - the archival agency emphasizes provenance and identity. However, archival materials are increasingly organized so as to serve as sources of information on past human activities. Often, however, the functions of the library and the archival agency overlap.

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No. 4

Senate Committee Hearing on S. 48 10:00 a.m. Delegates attended the hearing to provide Federal funds to demonstrate library service to rural areas. Some eleven speakers testified to the needs for such funds and the Alabama film, "Books and People - the Wealth Within" was shown.

Among the speakers were librarians from Michigan and Louisiana and representatives from a number of national organizations, including the Grange, the National Federation of Women's Clubs, the National Congress of Parent Teacher Associations, the Farm Bureau, and the American Library Association. The Senate Committee seems favorably impressed with the needs and value of the Demonstration funds and indicated that as far as they were concerned, the bill (S.48) is non-controversial. They likewise commended the librarians and others who testified with efficiency and speed with which they made their points. Hearings, may possibly be over for this bill and it may soon be reported out of committee for a vote.

Committee No. 5 "Library Services and Development" 9:00 a.m. Miss Quigley led the discussion on public relations. It was decided that the group should not concern itself with detailed techniques, but should create, instead, a broad concept, a philosophy of public relations. It was also the consensus of opinion that it is necessary to create public interest in order to make possible effective library service.

In line with these conclusions, the group recommended that the Assembly of Librarians of the Americas arrange for the preparation and publication for international use a brief and simple statement of large, basic principles of those public relations common to all phases of library services and extension the world over that will arouse public opinion of the forces that control public opinion, such as government, church, etc. The committee suggests that Edward L. Bernays, author of the forceful essay, "The Engineering of Consent" (Como se consigue el apoyo público) be asked to write such a publication.

Sra. Pirajá, Srita. Jimenez, and Sr. Patiño, were asked to continue the discussion on public relations at the next meeting. Sr. Bernardo was asked to open the next meeting with a discussion as to whether the Committee on Education for Librarianship should be asked to recommend the inclusion of a course in public relations in library schools curricula. He was also requested to introduce the subject of bibliotherapy at a future meeting.

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No. 6

General Session. 11:00 a.m. -- "Book Collection." Luis Cuadra Cea, Moderator; Verner W. Clapp, Assistant Moderator; Sr. Manuel Cardozo, Reporter.

Mr. Clapp stated some of the problems before the meeting. He was followed by Sr. Guillermo Barreiro who suggested the purchase of books in each country through a reputable dealer. He felt that the Library of Congress might properly become a deposit library of all books published in Latin America with the understanding that the Library should make known these acquisitions.

The problem was not one of purchase, thought Dr. Ernesto G. Gietz, but rather of knowing what was being published. He felt that there ought to be a center, preferably at the Pan American Union, where institutions of both continents might find information on exchanges. The Union should also be urged to publish a list of books available for purchase in the Pan American system. This service, according to Dr. Gietz, was not well organized to serve Latin America. He concluded with a discussion of the problem of acquiring government documents, and expressed the hope that there might be a list of these publications in the Library of Congress.

Mr. Verner Clapp felt that some of these problems should be discussed by the committee on acquisitions, and as regards United States Documents, their purchase could be arranged without difficulty through the Superintendent of Documents in Washington.

Mrs. Christina Buechner, who is Executive Secretary of the Committee on Inter-American Scientific Publication, and member Science Service working on State Department Book Translation Project, spoke of translations and author's rights. These, she thought, should be purchased outright by the publisher. The name of the translator should appear on the title page to give confidence to the purchaser and to encourage good translations.

General Session 4:00 p.m. -- "Non Book Collections." Noemia Lentino, Moderator; Edward Waters, Assistant Moderator; Manoel Cardozo, Reporter.

Mr. Burton Adkinson, Acting Chief of Maps Division of the Library of Congress, spoke on the importance of a map collection, and stressed the fact that the extent of such a collection will depend upon the needs of the area served by the library. He touched upon map

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No. 7

General Session - 11:00 a.m. "Exchange of Publications."

Mr. Robert Scudder, Department of State, Division of Libraries and Institutes, explained the Division's interest in exchange and the limitations within which it must function.

Mrs. Edith Wise, Library of Congress, Exchange and Gift Division, described the program of the Hispanic Exchange unit within her division which, since 1941, has handled book and non-book materials on an exchange basis.

UNESCO and several other organizations have suggested that the American Book Center for War Devastated Libraries, after the expiration of its present program, might well serve as a clearing house for international exchange of library materials, stated Mr. Kipp of the American Book Center.

Mr. Joseph Blickensderfer, editor of the "U.S. Quarterly Book List," published by the Library of Congress under the auspices of the Department of State's Interdepartmental Committee on Scientific and Cultural Cooperation, explained the origin, nature, and purpose of the above mentioned publication.

Mr. William Lamb, of the British Columbia, suggested that through international exchange and loan the problems of building up the collections of a young library might be met in part.

The need for directories of official publications, systematic listing of current publications of this type and the development of depository arrangements was emphasized by Mr. James Child, of the Acquisitions Department, Library of Congress.

Sr. Abdón Alvarez of Paraguay reminded the delegates that for the past fifty years inter-American conferences have been passing resolutions on exchange and other library matters as shown in the Gietz-Daniels compilation, "Antecedentes Bibliotecológicos Interamericanos e Internacionales." He warned against the temptation to indulge in endless academic discussions instead of doing something practical. He also urged that the Philippines and Canada join the American republics in carrying out exchange arrangements. Sr. Torres of El Salvador joined Sr. Alvarez in urging that the Assembly strive to put all these fine ideas into practice.

The Dominican Republic's recently created Office of Exchange and Cultural Information (Oficina de Canje y Division Cultural) and its organ "Boletín Bibliográfico Dominicano", were reported by Sr. Rodríguez Demorizi.

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No. 8

General session. 11:00 a.m. -- "Bibliography" Moderator:
Dr. Fermín Peraza; Assistant Moderator: Dr. Miron Burgin; Panel:
Mr. H. W. Wilson, Mr. Daniel Melcher, Sr. Chaves, Sr. Baudilio
Torres.

Mr. H. W. Wilson, President of the firm of H. W. Wilson & Company, proposed an indexing service of Latin American periodicals on a service basis and offered to extend this service to articles extracted in the Readers Digest. He also invited the delegates to visit the Company's offices in New York during their stay in that city.

Sr. Cortazar reported that the subcommittee on Library Science Bibliography, proposed that a center of library literature be established in the Instituto Bibliotecológico in Buenos Aires, as Dr. Gietz had offered to provide space, and the secretariat on Inter-American Library Science Bibliography could have a permanent secretary to be in charge of compiling the information submitted by the members of the committee from each country.

He stated that the bibliography should include material published on library science by Latin American authors, and material published on library science in the Americas by non-Latin American writers. He added that this bibliography perhaps be issued in mimeographed form, at periodical intervals; that later, if some such organization as the Pan American Union, could take over and issue a cumulated issue of the material published each year, it would constitute a permanent record; that the intention was, not to make it a retroactive bibliography but to include only materials published since 1948.

Sr. Cortazar proposed that members from each of the countries represented at the Assembly should be elected here so that on their return home they could start to organize and compile the items to be published. He also suggested that each country nominate one delegate, but, that due to geographical conditions in Argentina and Brazil, where library literature was being issued in several important regions, it should include two members, in order to facilitate the work of compiling the necessary information from these widely separated regions.

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No. 9

Seminar. 10:00 a.m. -- "Union Catalogs and Library Resources"
Moderator: Raymond Lavelanet; Assistant Moderator: G. Schwegmann;
F. Aguilera and Marian Forero, Reporters.

Mr. Lavelanet introduced M. Julien Cain to the audience. The Director of the Bibliotheque Nationale is visiting the United States and has expressed his interest in the current inter-American assembly. M. Lavelanet said that as a Haitian, a Latin American and a librarian, he was deeply honored to welcome such an outstanding representative of French culture. The French National Librarian, in answering, praised Dr. Evans for having promoted this assembly and commended the State Department and the American Library Association for their support. He pointed out that the Agenda is an important document which he will be glad to take back to Europe, where it will be an example and an inspiration. He stressed the need for cooperation between Europe and the Americas, and referred to the forthcoming UNESCO conference to be held in Mexico City.

Messrs. Garcia Granados and Borba de Moraes expressed in turn the admiration of Spanish and Portuguese speaking America for M. Cain, both as a librarian and a patriot, and their countries' debt of gratitude to French culture.

Mr. Paul Vanderbilt, Chief, Prints and Photographs Division, Library of Congress, opened the discussion on Union Catalog developments by asking whether there were two schools of thought on the matter --the liberals and the conservatives, or the individualists and the collectivists. Perhaps, he said, it would be simpler to agree that there are two distinct groups: those who are satisfied with solving the location problem by means of union catalogs, and those who are concerned with the relation of union catalogs to the more complex picture of identification of items, acquisitions development, cataloging and recataloging, etc. Mr. Vanderbilt insisted that he was a firm believer in making union catalog entries on transparencies, so as to facilitate the multiplication of cards.

Miss Franco, of São Paulo, mentioned that a union catalog of periodicals had been established in São Paulo. She added that if a union list of serials had been available before commencing this work, it would have saved the time spent in checking the individual collections of periodicals and establishing the correct bibliographic entries.

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No. 10

General Session, 11:00 a.m. -- "Present State of Cataloging and Classification in Latin America" Mr. Aguayo started the symposium by pointing out that self-styled intellectual circles in Latin America look down on library techniques, especially on classifying and cataloging. Mr. Fuenzalida explained that the Library of the University of Chile has adopted the Dewey System, in preference to LC classification, because of obvious local advantages. Dewey's shortcomings, such as in history, geography, and law, can very well be corrected to the satisfaction of Latin American librarians.

Mr. Peraza proposed: that national libraries adopt LC classification, and other libraries, Dewey; that both classifications be entered on the printed cards; that all libraries adopt the dictionary catalog.

Mr. Borba de Moraes questioned the advisability of recommending LC classification for one type of library, and Dewey for another, and explained the reasons which lead the National Library of Brazil to adopt Dewey despite its shortcomings. Mr. Patiño said that Panama's National Library has many branches throughout the country, and that it would be ill advise to use LC in the capital and Dewey in the provinces. Miss Jiménez and Mr. Aguayo informed respectively that Colombia's and Peru's national libraries instituted Dewey classification after a careful consideration.

Mr. Peraza asked Mr. Gropp to explain the reasons for Uruguay's adoption of LC classification. Mr. Gropp explained that, to begin with, there was no Dewey trend in Uruguay. At any rate, LC is used by the National Library in a restrictive form, so as not to postpone indefinitely the work of cataloging a rather vast collection.

Mr. Fuenzalida, on behalf of the Subcommittee on Classification, emphasized that this group is open minded on the subject of what system is preferable and has no intention of imposing any given choice on any country or institution.

Committee No. 4 2:30 p.m. -- "Bibliography"

Translations into Spanish, Portuguese, and French: Committee resolved to ask the Assembly of Librarians of the Americas, 1), to express its appreciation for the previous translations of U. S. books into Spanish, Portuguese, and French, and to recommend

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May 27, 1947

Washington, D. C.

No.11

General Session, May 26, 4:00 p.m. "Cataloging."

Mr. S. Lubetsky, Assistant Chief, Catalog Maintenance Division, Library of Congress, described the work that the Library of Congress was undertaking as its latest bibliographical venture, the Cumulative Catalog of Library of Congress Printed Cards. He mentioned the potentialities of this catalog and its value to libraries in its various operations, selection and acquisition, cataloging and classification, ordering Library of Congress printed cards, reference and bibliography, and inter-library loan.

Dr. Velazquez reported that the subcommittee had examined all the lists available in Spanish on subject headings. That they were mostly translations, used too many foreign words, did not have enough cross references, and were impractical. He mentioned that the subcommittee recommended the creation of a Permanent Committee and an Executive Committee to report and evaluate the list of subject headings prepared by Mr. Penna, as it appeared to be the best available; that the Brazilian members on the subcommittee would be responsible for the compilation of a list of subject headings in Portuguese, since they had also found inadequate the lists available in that language.

In 1892, the Columbus Memorial Library began the indexing of the important articles contained in Latin American magazines. Miss Brooks, Librarian, Pan American Union, reported that these special entries were included in the main catalog of the library. Also, that about 18,000 cards were added annually to the catalog, and were of great help to the researcher and scholar. She described briefly the cataloging procedure used for these special colored cards; complete author entry, title of article, abbreviated title of periodical, place of publication, date and paging were items included and subject headings also made for each topic treated.

Sr. Penna, of Argentina, then reported on the role of library schools in Latin America and the future of cataloging. He suggested that an international code of cataloging be taught in library schools, and that this code could be modified where necessary to conform to purely national conditions. He mentioned that his country mostly followed the Vatican Cataloging Code, and suggested that this and the A.L.A. Catalog Rules, be revised to make it worldwide in its application.

Miss Amelia Krieg spoke of several cataloging practices. First: Social implications of cataloging; Second: Various types of cataloging could be included or interfiled in one catalog; Third, Necessity that an international code of cataloging should be worldwide; that the most necessary items to be included should be an author entry, identification of title and identification of edition.

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Washington, D.C.

No. 12

Seminar, 10:00 a.m. "Bookbinding, Care and Preservation"
Mr. John Adams Lowe, Director of the Rochester Public Library and Chairman of the A.L.A. Bookbinding Committee, gave an account of the cooperative program carried out by the A.L.A. Binding Committee and the Library Binding Institute (the latter representing the binding industry). Miss Frieda Boessel, Superintendent of Binding of the Enoch Pratt Free Library of Baltimore, explained in detail the binding procedures in a public library, involving professional, administrative, and technical activities. She made a plea for attractive bindings, especially in the case of books for children.

Dr. Mary Angela Bennett, Supervisor of Binding and Photography Department at Columbia University, described the work of preparing materials for binding in a university with about thirty departments and specialized libraries. Major Arthur E. Kimberly, Chief of the Division of Repair and Preparation at the U. S. National Archives, spoke as a chemist and archivist on papers and their enemies. After defining the factors which imperil documents he referred to the solutions which have proved satisfactory in the National Archives' unrelenting fight against paper's inherent perishable qualities and adverse conditions of storage.

Mr. Alvarez related his six-month's experience at the Rochester Public Library in connection with the preservation of library materials. Mr. Pardo stressed the problems peculiar to tropical areas with respect to the subject under discussion. He referred to a pamphlet published by the U. S.

Correction: The statement attributed to Miss Amelia Krieg, Bulletin of May 27, 1947, No. 11, page 2, seventh point, should read: "In the future I hope we may have more Inter-American committees similar to the Latin American subcommittee of the Special Committee on Dewey Decimal Classification of the American Library Association's Division of Cataloging and Classification.... But I hope that these future committees will be joint committees with Latin American members of your choosing as representing your own organization and that together, we can continue working on practical solutions of our mutual problems."

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June 2, 1947

Washington, D.C.

No. 13

General Session, 11:00 a.m. "Education for Librarianship" Father Kortendick, Catholic University of America, reviewed the principles of library education which had crystallized during the discussions in committee and at general meetings. These came under five main divisions: (1) the creation of new library schools and the improvement of the curricula now in existence; (2) a consideration of the entrance requirements in the Type I schools, which should require English and one other modern language, skill in typewriting, and a university degree of the same grade as now required of candidates for the professions of law, medicine, and engineering. The age limits for admission should be 18 to 40. Curricula of 30 units or credits composed of 30 class hours of Introduction to librarianship, 60 c.h. of History of books and libraries, 90 c.h. each of cataloging and classification, organization and administration, bibliography and reference. (3) This curriculum would lead to the first degree of Library Assistant, and the further degree of Librarian, which would be granted after study in a cultural subject and the preparation of a thesis. (4) Some system for the interchange of students is urged, the school to select the student, whose course would be carefully planned; and finally (5) the formation of an association of library school teachers to cooperate in selecting textbooks for translation.

Sr. Penna, of Argentina, emphasized that every library school should teach the integration of a library's service with the work of its community. He also spoke on the need of workshops of three to five weeks for those who lack professional education and advised against awarding diplomas or certificates for such a course of study.

Miss Ethel Fair, New Jersey Library School, spoke of the gradual growth of library schools and their survey by the ALA, which recommended that all the schools be taken over by institutions which already had degree-conferring powers. This is gradually being realized; today, there are few library schools outside the universities. We need to have a clear statement of the kinds of services which libraries are obligated to perform, so that the schools can plan their curricula accordingly.

Mr. Logsdon, U. S. Office of Education, amplified Miss Fair's statement with the suggestion that libraries need to define the jobs to be done.

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Washington, D.C.

No. 14

General Session 11:00 a.m. "The Library and the People". Miss Quigley opened the meeting with some general introductory remarks and then introduced the first speaker on the panel, Sr. Trujillo, of Mexico.

Sr. Trujillo traced the development of public libraries in Mexico, from the first ones established in 1921, with branches in Mexico City and rural areas, chiefly in schools. He told of Mexico's fight against illiteracy. Since 45 percent of the people can read and write, the government is anxious to provide books for them. 1,000 small, carefully selected rural libraries are being established this year; 12 bookmobiles are being sent to rural areas, equipped not only with carefully chosen, cataloged and classified books, but also with records and pictures. Librarians who accompany the trucks are to give talks about art and the lives of the painters represented in the picture collections. Sr. Trujillo also told of two new larger libraries which will soon be inaugurated: one is that of the Normal School and the other the Biblioteca Ibero-Americana.

Dr. Charles Gosnell, the next speaker, described briefly the history of New York's state library system from its beginnings in 1796 until the present day, including the contributions of Melvil Dewey to the growth of the library extension program, and his early program for adult education. He said that much has been done, but that much remains to be done, since there are still a million and a half people in New York state without library service.

Mrs. Steinbarger, of the D.C. Public Library, spoke next of the role of municipal libraries. She emphasized the importance of studying the community from every angle, so that the library in its midst may meet its needs to the greatest extent possible. The library should keep in touch with the interest and activities of its community, send representatives to municipal meetings and local gatherings, etc. Knowing the interests and needs, the library can supply the best books, help clubs with programs, suggest good speakers, give readers' advisory service, display films of interest to special groups, help in teaching through such devices as the linguaphone, etc. (D.C. Public has linguaphone records in 8 languages, all in constant use). Mrs. Steinbarger also brought out how these services and resources of the

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June 4, 1947

Washington, D.C.

No. 15

General Session 11:00 a.m. "International Library Relations" Mr. Carl Milam, Executive Secretary of the American Library Association, brought greetings from the Association to the Assembly.

Dr. Basadre proposed that the Assembly send congratulations to Dr. Alberto Lleras Camargo, who was at that moment taking possession as new Director of the Pan American Union. A committee, headed by Mr. Francisco Aguilera, was appointed to draft the message.

The interest of UNESCO in the library field was outlined by Dr. Besterman, Councilor, Library Section of UNESCO. He assured the Assembly that there would be no duplication of effort between UNESCO and the International Federation of Library Associations.

A report on the meeting in Oslo of the International Federation of Library Associations was given by Leon Carnovsky who spoke of the pleasure it was to meet librarians from all over the world and to renew old acquaintances. Many formal reports were presented, and these will be published later. The next meeting of the Federation will take place in the United States, the time and place to be announced later. Mr. Carnovsky invited the Latin American delegates to see that their countries were represented at the forthcoming meeting.

Mr. Planchart affirmed that an interest in an appreciation of library service were gradually developing in his country.

The fact that it was possible to hold this Assembly of Librarians of the Americas at this time is optimistic proof of the level that library service in Latin America is now attaining, said Dr. Gietz. A few years ago it would not have been possible to meet with his North American colleagues on a plane of equality such as is enjoyed today. Dr. Gietz spoke of "inter-library collaboration", instead of "inter-American", as collaboration with UNESCO and the International Federation of Library Associations is opening the door to world-wide library relations.

Mr. Carl Sauer, Acting Chief, Division of International Libraries and Institutes of the Department of State, expressed his appreciation for the support the Department's program had received from librarians and from the A.L.A. Mr. Sauer said it was a policy of the United States to increase the understanding between the peoples of the world as a road to peace. In this respect the Department recognizes the role played by books and librarians. It has distributed the thousands of books, it maintains three libraries in Latin America as well as 67 information and

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June 5, 1947

Washington, D.C.

No. 16

General Session 10:30 a.m. "Findings Committee" - A meeting of the Assembly of Librarians of America was held on Thursday, June 5, 1947, at 10:50 a.m., in the Whittall Pavilion, Library of Congress, for the purpose of passing upon a number of resolutions presented by the various committees of the Assembly. Mr. Aguilera presided, and Mr. Cardozo recorded the minutes.

On the recommendation of Mr. Borba de Moraes, Co-chairman of the Committee on Inter-American Library Relations, it was moved by Mr. Gropp and seconded by Mr. Temple that an Executive Committee be appointed, with the authority to choose its own officers and to add two member to its ranks, for the purpose of preparing plans for a second assembly of librarians of America. This committee shall also have authority to supervise the work of whatever other permanent committees of the First Assembly may be established. The motion was passed unanimously.

An election was then held for members of the Committee. Secret ballots were cast by the delegates, and the following were declared elected: Mr. Basadre, with 44 votes; Mr. Borba de Moraes, with 42; Mr. Gietz, with 36; Mr. Evans, with 35, and Mr. Peraza with 24.

It was moved by Mr. Perez Ortiz and seconded by Mr. Garcia Granados to accept the following resolution presented by Mr. Borba de Moraes on behalf of the Committee on Inter-American Library Relations:

"La Asamblea de Bibliotecarios de America, con el fin de lograr un mayor desarrollo de las bibliotecas publicas en los paises latinoamericanos, resuelve:

"Sugerir a los gobiernos o parlamentos concedan autonomia administrativa y economica a las bibliotecas nacionales, tal como de la que hoy gozan las universidades, bajo la forma de entes autonomos, fundaciones o corporaciones, debidamente ayudados economicamente con rentas propias a base de equipos y mobiliario y modernizacion de los servicios. Estos cuerpos directivos se encargaran tanto de la organizacion general, como en lo que respecta a nombramientos y ascensos del personal profesional y sub-profesional." This resolution was signed by Messrs. Lavelanet, Borba de Moraes, Basadre, and Perez. The resolution was passed unanimously.

It was moved by Mr. Burgin, and seconded by Mr. Chaves, that the following resolution of the Committee on Inter-American Library Relations be adopted:

"Considerando que el intercambio de publicaciones constituye uno de los factores mas importantes para incrementar las relaciones interculturales americanas;

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No. 17

General Session 9:00 a.m.

The Assembly convened to consider the Findings of the remaining Committees. Messrs. Temple and Fuenzalida presented the report of the Acquisitions Committee. Resolutions 1 and 2 were approved as read. Resolution 3 provoked some discussion and on Mr. Hanke's suggestion, reference to the Pan American Institute of Geography and History was inserted in the resolution. The following were approved and given official status as a Subcommittee to Compile a Selected List of Dealers in the Inter-American Book, Periodical, and Map Trade: Mr. Adkinson, Mr. Bray, Mr. Biggs, Mr. Fuenzalida, Mr. Basadre, Mr. Borba de Moraes, Mr. Arthur Burt, Mrs. Edith Wise. Resolution 3 was then approved.

Resolution 4 was approved as read. Mr. Temple announced the members of the subcommittee as follows, stating, after the suggestion by Dr. Hanke that more persons from Latin America should be named to the committee in order that the committee be more representative, that the committee was provisional and other members would be most welcome: Mrs. Wise, Chairman, Mr. Keller, Mr. Patiño, Mr. Alvarez, Mr. Cromwell, Miss Brooks.

Mr. Baudilio Torres questioned the advisability of limiting the list to commercial dealers, and Mr. Temple replied that no source, commercial or private, would be slighted.

Resolution 5 was discussed as to terminology, and approved after a slight change. Resolution No. 6 also was discussed at length. It was finally decided to have Mr. Temple, Mr. Basadre, and Mr. Penna draw up a revised statement. This was done and their recommendation was approved as read. During the discussion of this resolution, Mr. Patiño pointed out, that some Latin American countries have much more liberal postal regulations regarding printed matter than does the United States. Mr. Camacho and Mr. Rodríguez Demorizi confirmed Mr. Patiño's observation, giving the existing postal regulations in their respective countries. Messrs. Basadre, Burgin, Pérez Ortiz, Peraza, Temple, Aguilera, Planchart, Velázquez, Penna, all took part in the discussion of postal regulations and the other provisions of Resolution 6.

Resolution 7 was approved as read. Mr. Patiño made the suggestion that libraries should undertake to mail, without cost to the writer, books presented to them for this purpose.

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No. 18

Executive Committee to prepare plans for the second Assembly,
10:00 a.m.

Members: Rubens Borba de Moraes, Jorge Basadre, Ernesto Gietz, Fermín Peraza, and Luther H. Evans. Also in attendance were Francisco Aguilera and Marietta Daniels, who served as Chairman Protem for the election of a chairman of the Executive Committee.

Dr. Jorge Basadre was elected Chairman of the Executive Committee.

It was decided that each of the five members of the Executive Committee should be responsible for the coordination and supervision of the activities of each of the established committees of the Assembly, as follows:

- Committee I. Education for Librarianship - Jorge Basadre
- Committee II. Technical Processes - Ernesto Gietz
- Committee III. Bibliography - Fermín Peraza
- Committee IV. Acquisitions - Rubens Borba de Moraes
- Committee V. Library Services and Development - Luther H. Evans

It was the opinion of the Executive Committee that the language of the Final Act of each Assembly should be in the language of the country in which the meeting is held, but that the findings of recommendations of the Assembly should be issued in all four official languages of the Assembly. The papers read should be in the language in which they were read. Those specialists who talked informally should be asked to send in written texts for final documentation.

A letter will be sent out from Dr. Basadre to the committee co-chairman advising them formally of the member of the Executive Committee who will act as coordinator for them.

The Secretariat for the Assembly should remain provisionally in Washington.

Each of the members of the Executive Committee contributed twenty dollars for the necessary expenditures for postage.

The next Assembly will probably be held in 1949, the place to be determined later.

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AMIC READER - PROJECTOR

SCREEN	Translucent 12" x 12"
Magnification	14 x
Remarks	It is possible to use this machine for direct projection at larger magnifications. The entire width of 35 mm. film can be easily read by shifting the image on the screen. Suitable for reading books and manuscripts.
PRICE	\$ 300.00
DELIVERY	Immediate
MANUFACTURER	American Measuring Instruments Corp. 240 West 40th. Street New York, N.Y.

DIEBOLD FLOFILM MICROFILM READER

SCREEN	Translucent 14" x 14"
Magnification	11 x
REMARKS	Electrically operated. Primarily a business machine. The motorized drive is not suited to turning one page at a time and the 11 x magnification limits its use to material taken at low reductions.
PRICE	\$ 425.00
DELIVERY	Immediate
MANUFACTURER	Diebold Inc. 2 West 45th Street New York 19, N.Y.

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HOLBROOK COMBINATION READER

SCREEN	Translucent 14" x 16"
MAGNIFICATION	25 x
REMARKS	In combining 16 mm. and 35 mm. reading this machine sacrifices film coverage, projecting only half of 35 mm. Thus every page must be scanned in reading 35 mm. film.
PRICE	\$ 275.00
DELIVERY	Immediate
MANUFACTURER	Holbrook Microfilming Service Inc. Empire State Building New York, N.Y.

ORCO-GRAPHIC MICROFILM READER

SCREEN	Translucent 15" x 15"
MAGNIFICATION	15 x
REMARKS	Very good for reading 35 mm. microfilms perforated on both sides. For unperforated film an inconvenient shift is provided or another lens can be had which reduces the magnification to 13 x. Not therefore adapted to the reading of newspapers.
PRICE	\$ 225.00
DELIVERY	30 days
MANUFACTURER	Graphic Microfilm Corp. 112 Liberty Street New York 6, N.Y.

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RECORDAK FILM READER MODEL C

SCREEN	Translucent 18" x 18" to
MAGNIFICATION	12 x/23 x
REMARKS	A versatile instrument capable of reading any 35 mm. film a library is likely to have.
PRICE	\$ 440.00
DELIVERY	4 months
MANUFACTURER	Recordak Corp. 350 Madison Avenue New York, N.Y.

SPENCER SCHOLAR'S MICROFILM READER

SCREEN	Opaque 14" x 15 3/4"
MAGNIFICATION	15 x
REMARKS	Awkward to use, but inexpensive and effective within its limitations.
PRICE	\$ 50.00 \$ 16.50 roll film attachment
DELIVERY	90 days
MANUFACTURER	American Optical Company Scientific Instrument Division Buffalo 15, N.Y.

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